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HIS LORDSHIP ON EARLY
DEFENCE.

THE ATHERLEY CASE.

TENTH AND LAST DAY'S
HEARING.

At this, the tenth and last day of hearing of the charges of misappropriation of company moneys against James Edward Atherley, former manager of Getz Bros. (of the Orient) Ltd., His Lordship referred to the reservation of defence of Mr. Atherley at the early police court proceedings.

In the course of the case, said His Lordship, a statement was made by counsel for the prosecution and also by counsel for the defence as to the fact that in this case accused had had more than one opportunity of making an answer to the charge and had not availed himself of that opportunity. Mr. Zeitlyn had protested that whether accused should or should not have made an answer or given any idea of what his defence might be was a matter wholly for the accused and his representatives.

I fully agree with Mr. Zeitlyn, said His Lordship. But, gentlemen (addressing the jury), I sometimes think that gentlemen who appear before us like the accused do not recognise the advantage of a statement made by an accused person as the earliest available opportunity. For instance, supposing when the accused is charged he gives an explanation and you find that the defence which has been adumbrated in his explanation is the defence adopted at the trial, a very strong argument can be based upon that statement.

It can be said that his defence has been consistent all along; that at the first available opportunity he stated what his defence was going to be; that all he stated in the witness box is to be believed and the facts as he stated are to be corroborated by the statement originally made by him. Now, take this case as an illustration. Supposing immediately he had had an opportunity the accused had said "it is true that I received these moneys but they were loaned to me by the company. I did not take them knowing them to be the moneys of my employers and treated them as belonging to the company." I think you will see at once how greatly strengthened the defence put up afterwards on behalf of the accused would have been.

However, as I have said, it is a matter solely for the expression of the accused and his advisers and the most you can say in a case where there has been complete reservation of the defence until the case comes on for trial in this court is that it is unfortunate that a statement was not made at once because any defence put up afterwards would have been greatly strengthened by a clear statement of what the defence was at the first available opportunity.

His Lordship then proceeded to sum up and was still summing up when this edition went to press.

Final Speeches.

In the final speech for the defence yesterday, Mr. Zeitlyn emphasised that Mr. Atherley had persisted in statements which demanded a large measure of credulity. When a man did not accept an explanation which would be better for him, and persisted in a statement which was harder to believe, was it not better to believe in a man. For the purposes of the defence it would be the easiest way to put it that moneys advanced by the company to Atherley were moneys from the company. Atherley would not take that view of it. He persisted with determination that the true aspect of the case was that the company came to him with I.O.U.'s and O.K.'d bills and these together made a total for which he drew a cheque and handed it to the company.

Continuing, Mr. Zeitlyn said they had seen the company in the box. He was a man of considerable williness; he was not a glib person but one who would not readily assent unless the truth was forced out of him. They would recollect that he (Counsel) had questioned him on five or six occasions about the officers of Getz

Bros. He had asked him what was the position of Mr. Kelly, and he had said he did not know. They would consider the mentality of such a man. And considering that, was it not probable that the story told by accused was the correct one? Was it not easy to believe that the company had taken the moneys of the company as his own? And when moneys were paid back was it not probable that he took O.K.'d bills and I.O.U.'s which totalled the sum handed over to Atherley? Surely, that was not an improbable explanation. In the light of the character of the man in the box, this true explanation could well carry more confidence in the minds of the gentlemen of the jury for that reason.

Were They Loans?

Proceeding, Mr. Zeitlyn said that there was positive evidence that the transaction between Atherley and the company was in the nature of loans. He would deal with them under three heads—handwriting evidence, verbal admission and written evidence. Was it not strange that throughout all the books there was not one entry, showing that payment had been made to Atherley on behalf of Getz Bros.? Outside that exhibit D, there was not a single document, not a single book, not a single line which would show any payment to Atherley on behalf of the company. They would recollect that their foreman had asked the company why there was no entry, and he had replied that having handed the moneys over to Atherley, he had finished with the matter.

Then there was the company's admission. He (Counsel) could not conceive of anything of greater support to the defence than an admission made by the company, that he looked to Atherley for repayment of the money which he had advanced to him. And there was even a stronger admission. He had said, "I had it always in mind to turn these I.O.U.'s and bills against the company, if Atherley did not pay." And they would remember that a very wary, wily man had made that answer.

Prosecution's Case.

Mr. Jenkin, Counsel for the prosecution, said that the true solution was whether Atherley knew in fact that moneys of the company were going into his account, and in refunding cheques did he know he was refunding them to the company. He (Counsel) held that he did know, and his learned friend had tried to get out of it by bringing in suggestions of fraud.

Having regard to Atherley's evidence entirely, he submitted that it was an affront to the intelligence of six men to ask them to believe that from start to finish, he did not know where the moneys came from, nor the true purpose for which every cheque was drawn by him. A deposit slip for May 28 showed that the totals collected were exactly the amount of a cheque drawn by Atherley. That was for the purpose of refunding moneys he had previously taken. They would remember those examples of intricate calculations, and Atherley would have them believe, that he did not know what they were for. Can you believe that this man, of whose probity and integrity so much has been made, is telling you the truth?

Dealing with Mr. Atherley's banking account, Mr. Jenkin asked whether it was a coincidence that into this "most peculiar account for a man on this man's salary," money was poured at a rate which made even members practising at the Bar envious? Was it a coincidence that the account was opened on Settlement Day—on the eve prior to the day when he had to pay over certain sums? Was it a coincidence that on this day the company's money went into this account, and not into the company's account? Was there any necessity for Mr. Atherley to take a wad of the company's shares and put it into this other account? In his own judgment, he had considered that the circumstances of this case were so strong that he did not wish to weary them with several details.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/4 9/16.

A BIG BLAZE.

THREE MATSHEDS GUTTED
QUICKLY.

SCENE FROM HARBOUR.

Giving the appearance at first of being a big blaze in the eastern part of the city, a fire this morning destroyed three matsheds covering an area of 100 feet by 60 feet square, but did little other damage.

People who crossed the harbour from Kowloon after nine o'clock could see, from the ferry, the flames reaching up.

At 9.37 a.m. Central Fire Station was called. A smart turn out resulted under Superintendent H. T. Brooks and Station Officer P. Condon.

Two motor pumps were brought into use but the outbreak had secured a firm hold. At 10.28 a.m. the order to cease work was given.

HOTEL FIRE.

ARMY'S VALUABLE HELP
PRAISED.

"VERY HIGH APPRECIATION."

Following the gallant assistance of the Services at the New Year Day fire, the item below has been published in China Command Orders:

"It is notified for the information of all concerned that letters expressing very high appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the troops in coping with the fire at the Hongkong Hotel on 1st January, 1926, have been received from His Excellency The Governor of Hongkong, The Fire Insurance Association of Hongkong and the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd. The General Officer Commanding congratulates all Ranks on their endeavours to put out the fire and save property."

WOMAN STABBED.

ARMED ROBBERS VISIT
YAUMATI.

SURPRISE KNOCK ON DOOR.

Whilst offering incense to "joss" on the verandah of No. 493, Nathan Road (Yaumati) yesterday morning, a Chinese woman was stabbed by armed robbers who had previously entered the house. The robbers were under the impression that she had gone to raise the alarm.

After binding the inmates, the gang collected loot valued at over \$200 when an agent for sewing machines knocked on the door. The robbers took flight, dashed into the street and knocked the agent over in their hurry.

In the excitement the inmates stated that two boys had been "kidnapped" by the robbers (for ransom). Later in the day the lads returned from school and it was found that a mistake had been made.

DISARMAMENT.

SOVIET ACCEPTS LEAGUE'S
INVITATION.

AN IMPORTANT CONDITION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Moscow, Jan. 15. The official Tass Agency learns authoritatively that the Soviet has decided to accept the invitation of the League of Nations to participate in the preliminary Disarmament Conference, and will not object to the participation of Soviet experts in the preliminary Commission on Economic Subjects, provided that these Commissions do not meet on Swiss territory.

SHIPPING MISHAP.

STEAMER FROM HANKOW
ON THE BEACH.

(Reuter's Service.)

Fort Espuria, Jan. 15. The "Kasenga" from Hankow for Havre and London has gone ashore on the beach at Torrepardo.

STRIKE "ARMISTICE."

DELEGATES SECURING
ADVICE.

THE NEW YEAR TRUCE.

Yesterday, the delegates appointed by the District Commercial Guilds of Hongkong, sought the leaders of the local Chinese community for advice as to the advisability of going up to Canton to ask for an "armistice" of a week or fortnight, before China New Year.

It is a fact that four delegates have been selected to make representations to the authorities concerned for permission to inaugurate a period of unrestricted travelling. Whether the mission will leave just yet remains to be decided.

In yesterday's report, the following paragraph was included:— "This week there has been talk of steamers being allowed to run for a week free of interference, but to carry no passengers."

The word "passengers" was written in error and should, of course, have read "cargo."

The main argument to be put forward is that it is imperative for Chinese business concerns to make their final trade settlement before the end of the year, hence the necessity to go to and from Canton.

POWER SCHEME.

PRIME MINISTER OUTLINES
PROPOSALS.

CHEAPER CURRENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Birmingham, Jan. 15. The Government proposals to promote a great national electrical scheme, in order to afford a cheaper supply of current, were outlined by Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister, who pointed out that Great Britain would be seriously handicapped industrially if she continued to lag behind other nations.

The consumption of electrical energy in Great Britain was 200 units per head, compared with 900 units in Canada and over 500 units in the United States. He expressed the opinion that the latter figure should be reached here fifteen years hence by cheapening electricity through large scale production and distribution. He declared that the present system of generation was too parochial although most efficient.

BOARD OF EXPERTS.

The Government proposed to establish a Board, to be managed by practical men like the Port of London Authority to control the whole supply of electricity throughout Great Britain. The Board would co-ordinate existing stations, build new ones, raise their own capital, and work on purely commercial lines. The surplus would go to reducing the cost of plant, when the interest and sinking fund were paid off. The Government would initiate a scheme with a guarantee. It did not consider that a subsidy was necessary.

CABLE SHIP.

LARGEST IN THE WORLD
SAILS.

A MAMMOTH UNDERTAKING.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Jan. 15. The "Colonia," the largest cable ship in the world, has sailed from Greenwich this afternoon to lay the Eastern Extension, Australasia and China Telegraph Company's duplicate cable, over 1,800 nautical miles, between the Cocos Islands and Fremantle.

The cable, which is of the new loaded type and the first British owned and manufactured loaded cable to be put down, is designed for a speed of 2,100 letters a minute compared with 145 letters in the present line.

The question of further developing the lines between Fremantle and Adelaide is now being considered. The "Colonia" is expected to arrive in the Cocos Islands in the middle of February and to complete the laying of the cable at Fremantle early in March.

CHASING PIRATES.

CANTON NAVY WANTS 100
LAUNCHES.

PROTECTION FOR RIVERS.

A report current is that the Canton naval authorities are preparing a plan to accord protection on the three rivers of the province and to clear same of pirates. The suggestion is said to concern the assembly of a hundred launches for patrol work. Such launches, it is stated, will be chartered at first.

At present there are not sufficient launches in Canton and the naval people are turning their attention elsewhere.

WORLD COURT.

OBSTRUCTION TACTICS IN
SENATE.

"WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL."

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, Jan. 15.

The Senators who are opposed to the American adhesion to the World Court have begun to obstruct a resolution for adherence, keeping up a constant flow of oratory in the Senate, including Senator Blease reading Washington's farewell speech to his Generals in which occurs the classical advice to avoid "entangling alliances."

Senator Blease, when bantered, told the Senators, most of whom knew the speech by heart, that he would not consider it discourteous if they proceeded with other affairs whilst he was reading.

OVER-ZEALOUS.

MURDERS OF COMMUNIST
OFFICIALS.

AUTHORITIES QUIESCENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Riga, Jan. 15.

It is reported that much unrest prevails among the peasantry in various parts of Soviet Russia and particularly in Ukraine, White Russia, where armed anti-Bolsheviks are active.

Murders of over-zealous Communist officials are reported, chiefly in the Bobruisk district, where the militia and the local authorities are alleged to have refused to act against the rebels and are even co-operating with them.

ARBITRATION.

TREATY BETWEEN SWEDEN
AND DENMARK.

(Reuter's Service.)

Copenhagen, Jan. 15.

The new Swedo-Danish Arbitration Treaty has been concluded. It is similar in character to the recent Swedo-Norwegian Convention, and prohibits the employment of armed force for the settlement of disputes.

The Treaty will operate for twenty years, and be renewable unless two years' notice is given.

STEEL TRUST.

BIG CAPITAL FOR GERMAN
CONCERN.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, January 15.

It is expected that the capital of the new Rhenish-Westphalian Steel Trust will approximate six hundred million marks.

ITALY'S DEBT.

AMERICA APPROVES OF
AGREEMENT.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, Jan. 15.

The House of Representatives, by 257 votes to 183, has approved of the Italian debt agreement.



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A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 7th January 1925.

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Hongkong, 11th December, 1925.

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G. A. KIMURA,
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Hongkong, 11th September, 1925.

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G. A. KIMURA,
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Hongkong, 11th September, 1925.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

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The half-yearly report of the
Straits Trading Company, Ltd.,
which was presented at the meet-
ing on December 30, states:—

After writing off depreciation
and making provision for bad and
doubtful debts, the net profits
amounted to \$1,175,674.78 which,
with the balance brought forward
from the last account of
\$650,731.22, makes a total of
\$1,826,406 available at September
30, 1925.

The Directors recommend:—
1. That a dividend of 75 cents
per share on 900,000 shares be
paid to shareholders, absorbing
\$675,000.

2. That \$350,000 be placed to
reserve.

3. That \$801,406 be carried
forward to a new account.

The Company's purchases of tin
ore during the half-year under
review were of satisfactory
volume, and the conversion
thereof to refined tin was econo-
mically and profitably effected at
our Pulo Brani and Penang Smelt-
ing Works. The exports of tin
from the Federated Malay States
continue to show an increase on
the corresponding period of the
previous year.

The consumptive demand for
tin was sustained throughout the
period, with a steady increase in
price level during the latter
months.

The local tin market opened on
April 1, 1925, at \$120.62½ per
pikul, and closed on September 30,
1925, at \$135.25 per pikul, the
highest price during the half-year.
The lowest price interim was
\$116.00 per pikul on April 14,
1925.

CEMENT TRADE.

Japan's Active Exports.

Contrasting with a dull home
market, Japan's cement export
trade has been remarkably active
of late. The 30 per cent. restric-
tion on output maintained by
mutual agreement among the
cement companies of the nation
has had no effect upon exports.

Mr. Wakamatsu, in charge of
the export department of the
Asano Cement Company, is now
travelling through the United
States. A contract of 4,000
barrels for Canada was recently
concluded at Y4 f.o.b.

A Canadian firm is in the
market for 10,000 tons of cement
and the Asano and other Japanese
cement interests are bargaining
for the contract.

A request for 100,000 tons of
cement clinker at \$9 c.i.f. was re-
ceived recently from Canada.
Negotiations have not yet been
concluded, as the price is consid-
ered too low.

During October and November
about 100,000 barrels of cement
were shipped to South America at
Y4.50 and Y5 f.o.b. to Java at
Y3.80 f.o.b. and to South China at
Y5.20 f.o.b.

ALL CONCERNS ACTIVE.

In addition to the Asano com-
cern, the Onoda Cement Com-
pany, the Toyokuni Cement
Plant and the Oita Cement Manu-
facturing Company have been
active in the market. The Onoda
concern recently concluded a con-
tract with the Shanghai Munici-
pal Office to supply 48,000
barrels next year at Y4, through
the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

Cement shipments, for three
months to the end of October,
announced by the Japan Cement
Association, follows:—

1925 1924
August 89,688 20,242
September 87,072 72,578
October 146,250 96,004

Export cement is independent
of the restriction and therefore
affects in no way the market price
of cement at home.

A one million-peso corporation
has been formed by Chinese in
Manila to engage in import and
export trade. The company has a
paid-up capital of P200,000.
The incorporators are G. G. Go
Quio Lay, Te Pao, Co. Tee, Teh Sin
and Josefa Mendoza. The cor-
poration will exist for 25 years,
according to its papers.

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G. A. KIMURA,
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Hongkong, 11th September, 1925.

COMPANY REPORT.

Glennan Plantations, Ltd.

The annual report of this Com-
pany for the year ended October
31 (to be presented at the annual
meeting at Derrick and Com-
pany's Offices, at noon to-day),
says:—

The profit for the year is
\$153,925.24 to which has to be
added the balance of \$45,274.07
brought forward from last
account making a total of
\$199,199.31. An interim dividend
of 7½ per cent. amounting to
\$30,000 has been paid, leaving a
balance of \$169,199.31 available
for distribution. The directors
recommend that this sum be dealt
with as follows:—Payment of a
final dividend of 30 per cent.
absorbing \$120,000; Carry for-
ward to next account \$49,199.31.

The total area of the estate is
1,137 acres, of which 826 acres
are planted with rubber in bear-
ing. An area of approximately
two acres was surrendered to
Government for road deviation.

The crop harvested for the year
was 217,888 lbs. at an all-in-cost
of 85.18 cents per lb. The
standard output of the estate for
the third restriction year ended
October 31, 1925, was assessed at
330,400 lbs. and raised to
413,000 lbs. from August 1 last,
and for the fourth restriction
year ending October 31, 1926, it
was assessed at the latter figure.

Thirty tons Singapore Standard
Pale Crepe have been sold for-
ward at 98½ cents per lb. deliv-
ery 2½ tons monthly during
January-December, 1926.

The directors propose that an
interim dividend of 10 per cent.
for the year ending October 31,
1925, be declared payable on the
same date as the 30 per cent.
final dividend recommended
above.

SHARE ISSUE.

The Pengkalan Estate.

The secretaries and general
managers of the Pengkalan
Durian Estate (1921), Ltd., have
addressed the following letter to
shareholders dated January 7 re-
garding a new issue of 60,000
shares of Tls. 1 each at the price
of Tls. 3.50 per share:—

Your directors now have plea-
sure in offering to shareholders on
the register of members at the
time of allotment the whole of
the unissued capital of the com-
pany comprising 60,000 shares of
Tael 1.00 each, at a premium of
Tael 2.50 per share, making a
total issue price of Tael 3.50 per
share payable on application.

Allotments will be made, as near
as may be, excepting fractional
parts, in the proportion of two
new shares for every three old
shares held.

To cover possible under sub-
scription resulting from the
absence from Shanghai of some
shareholders for whom regret-
tably it is impossible to keep the
subscription list open beyond
January 13, 1926, shareholders
may apply for any number of
shares in excess of the above pro-
portion, and the Directors will
allot additional shares equitably.

In the event of the whole issue
not being subscribed the directors
will allot shares applied for in
full, and will allot or otherwise
dispose of the balance of shares
remaining unissued to such per-
sons on such terms and conditions
and at such times as they may
think fit.

The subscription list will re-
main open to shareholders exclu-
sively from date until 3 p.m. on
January 18, 1926, at which time
the directors will go to allotment.

FIRE INSURANCE.

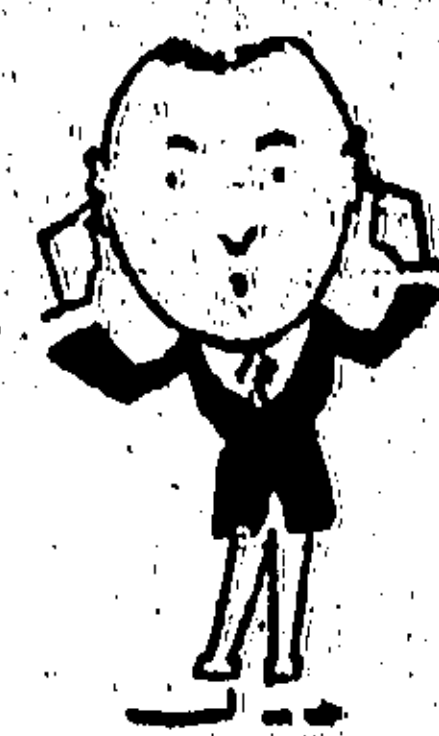
Government Sanction to
Dividends.

The Japanese Department of
Commerce and Industry is deter-
mined to impress on the fire
insurance companies the import-
ance of an austere policy in the
distribution of dividends. Practi-
cally all the companies are in
debt to the Government in con-
nection with the sympathy
payments made on values destroyed
in the earthquake fires in 1923.

Before they are clear of the debt
they are expected to secure the
Government's authorization for
the scale they may determine for
dividends. Of the reports sub-
mitted so far there are some
proposing the distribution of 10
to 20 per cent. for the term ending
this month. The authorities are
studying the position of indi-
vidual companies before granting
the permission, and may, says the
"Chuo," find it necessary not to
allow such a liberal policy, which
they consider as out of line with
the action adopted in other
businesses.

P. & O. PRUDENCE.

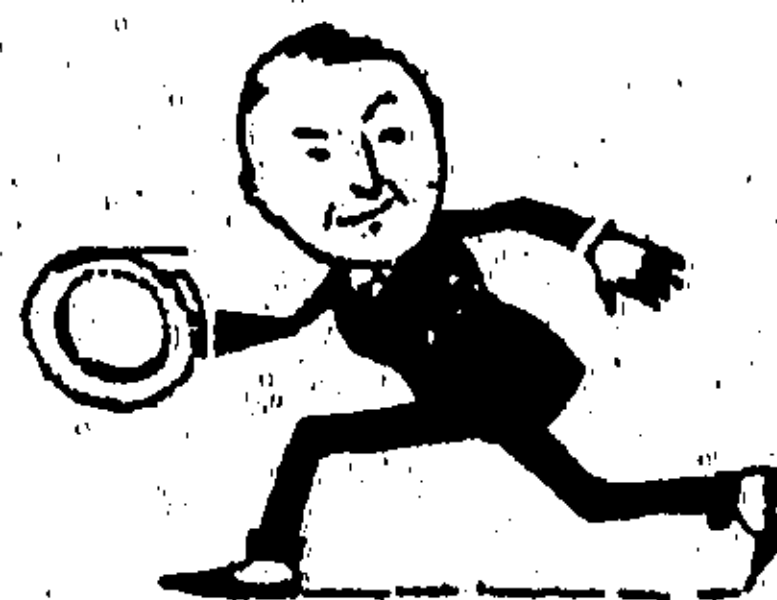
Although P. & O. Deferred
stock has dropped considerably as
a result of the reduced dividend,
the cut is really a bull point for
the shares since it is in the nature
of an insurance against future
difficulties, says the "China
Express and Telegraph." The
trade position is obscure, and the
need, therefore, is to husband re-
sources. At the same time, the
fact should not be lost sight of
that since the war the Company's
fleet has been to a large extent re-
built at a cost of some millions
sterling. To embark upon such a
programme demanded real con-
fidence in the future of the com-
pany's services. For some years
to come the Line should gain the
benefit of the new tonnage, pro-
vided the ships can be maintained
regularly in employment, and that
benefit should ultimately come to
shareholders in the form they
desire most of all, namely, in-
creased dividends. Ships such as
now serve the Company's chief
routes are better equipped to cope
with the expansion of trade and
travel that is now going on the
world over than those they have
displaced, and shareholders may
safely regard the fall in the value
of their stock as but a temporary
phase.



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Butcher Meat.		Poultry.	
December 18, June, June,		December 18, June, June,	
	1925, 1918, 1914.		1925, 1918, 1914.
Beef Sirloin	牛尾肥 lb. 80 24 12-	Chicken	雞 lb. 85 80 31
" Prime Cut	" 80 23 12	Capon, Small	雞 60 23 80
" Corned	" 80 24 22	Capon, Large	雞 70 23 80
" Roast	" 80 24 18	Duck	鴨 88 23 21
" Breast	" 24 20 18	Doves	鴿 each 23 23 21
" Soup	" 22 20 18	Eggs, Hen (cooking)	蛋 per oz. 30 18 -
" Steak	" 30 24 22	Eggs, Hen (fresh)	蛋 40 25 80
" Steak Sirloin	" 45 30 35	Fowls, Canton	本地雞 lb. - 36 24
" Sausages	" 40 26 20	Fowls, Hainan	海南雞 55 28 -
Bullock's Brains	牛腦 each 15 10 12	Geese	鴨 45 24 24
" Tongue, fresh	" 50 50 60	Pigeons, Canton	白鴿 each 30 -
" Tongue, corned	" 80 - -	" Holow	海口鴿 lb. 40 31 -
" Head	" \$1.50 - \$1.20	Turkeys, Cook	火雞公 lb. \$1.00 -
" Heart	" 13 14 18	Turkeys, Hen	火雞母 90 51 45
" Hump, Salt	" 20 18 -	Snipe	火雞 each - -
" Foot	" 10 12 12	Pheasant	山雞 pair \$1.60 -
" Kidneys	" 15 10 12	Quail	山雞 40 - 2
" Tail	" 30 20 22	Partridges	野雞 \$1.10 -
" Liver	" 12 14 14		
" Tripe	" 12 6 7		
Calves' Head & Feet	牛頭每磅 \$1.20 \$1.00 \$1.00		
Mutton Chop	羊排 lb. 55 26 -		
" Leg	" 58 26 -		
" Shoulder	" 53 24 -		
" Saddle	" 55 - -		
Pig's Chittlings	豬仔肉 lb. 40 - 27		
" Brains	豬腦 Per set 5 - 12		
" Feet	豬蹄 lb. 22 15 -		
" Fry	豬油 40 15 18		
" Head	豬頭 24 20 -		
" Heart	豬心 each 14 10 10		
" Kidneys	豬腎 lb. 12 10 3		
" Liver	豬肝 lb. 52 30 24		
Pork Chop	豬排 lb. 42 25 23		
" Leg	豬腿 45 - -		
" Loin	豬腰 48 28 27		
" Fat or Lard	豬油 30 21 -		
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭每磅 60 70 70		

LUNCH IN THE AIR.

INNOVATION IN HUGE AIR LINER.

Twenty passengers were served with luncheon in a new aeroplane recently while it flew over South London and Croydon. The machine was the Vickers "Vanguard," fitted with two 650-700 h.p. Rolls-Royce "Condor" engines. It has been built for the Air Ministry, and is now to be put into service on Imperial Airways, with the object of obtaining operational data. The machine was piloted by Major H. G. Bruckley, Air Superintendent of Imperial Airways, with whom in the pilot's "cockpit" sat Air Vice-Marshal Sir W. S. Brunner. The cabin contained twenty persons, each in a comfortable chair, the table arrangement being much the same as that of a Pullman car. There were, in addition, two stewards, neither of whom had ever before been up in an aeroplane. The luncheon menu was as follows:

Lobster Salad.
Veal and Ham Patties.
Chicken and Ham Patties.
Russian Salad.
Sweet.
Charlotte Russe.
Rolls, Butter, Cheese.
Liqueurs, Cocktails, Wines.
Coffee.

The weather was most unfavourable, the wind being high and gusty and the air "bumpy." In the opinion of experienced pilots the conditions were exceptionally bad, and I certainly have never during many years' flying (says the Aviation correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph") felt the unevenness of the air so much in a machine of a size which in average conditions ensure perfect smoothness. The conditions detracted to some extent from the enjoyment of the meal, which, nevertheless, was a success with the exception that two of the passengers, felt qualms of sickness. It should, however, be borne in mind that passengers on the cross-Channel boats suffered severely, and certainly a larger proportion were unafflicted than those in an aeroplane. There is, indeed, every reason why a good meal should be served on the bottom of a flight to or from the Continent, instead of from the Continent, which are now supplied to passengers who require them, but it is more with a view to the future that the experiment should be regarded.

FOR FOGGY WEATHER.

The acquisition of the Vickers-Rolls-Royce by Imperial Airways is in accordance with the development policy now being pursued. The policy includes the use of large machines, fitted with two or three engines, with a view to safety, regularity, and comfort. The "Vanguard" is a development from the famous "Vimy," which crossed the Atlantic and flew to Australia and the Cape. It provides in an enclosed saloon separate armchair-seats for twenty passengers, whose comfort has been secured by electrical heating and ventilation. There is a hold for baggage and lockers for mails or parcels. The safety arrangements include emergency hatches and a wireless telephone installation.

To ensure smooth landings this machine, which weighs when fully loaded considerably more than eight tons, has been fitted with a patent clevis-mechanism under carriage, designed by Vickers. Many ingenious instruments are fitted, including a Roll control-indicator, an apparatus which has now been fitted to practically the whole of the Imperial Airways fleet. This provides the pilot and navigator with an immediate indication of any departure from the course, and assists enormously in the maintenance of an accurate course in foggy weather. The Vanguard attains a maximum speed of approximately 112 miles an hour, and can ascend to a height of 16,400ft. The fuel tanks provide a duration capacity 4½ hours at cruising speed. The landing speed is forty-nine miles an hour.

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BOHEMIA.

IN FACT, FICTION, AND DRAMA.

I suppose that Paul Gauguin would be called a Bohemian, exclaims Henry Ainley in the "Sunday Times."

The most general comment upon the character modelled on him in "The Moon and Sixpence" is—"What a Bohemian!" He certainly had many of the qualifications for the label, though I am not at all sure of the correct definition of the type.

There are so many kinds of Bohemians, both in real life, in fiction, and in the drama. I have tried to interpret the character of not a few myself.

I can mention three stage heroes, all of whom have been dubbed "Bohemians," but who are about as diverse in nature as they could be.

There is Strickland-Gauguin in "The Moon and Sixpence." He is brusque and boorish, anything but a lovable character, possessing a strong and arresting personality, and brutal in his attitude towards his fellow creatures.

No doubt his claim to Bohemianism lies in his utter disregard for the conventions, for personal comfort, and for the opinions of other people. Apathy towards other of these three things would seem to fit in with one of the popular ideas of a Bohemian. We need not take into consideration the burlesque theory of Bohemianism—too much to drink, not enough to eat, "little work, and less ambition."

Mr. Arnold Bennett created quite a different type of Bohemian in "The Great Adventure." Hans Carve was an artist, but there the resemblance ends. He had a very keen affection for the kind of comfortable home life that Strickland found so irksome, and was thoroughly content to marry and settle down with a little Pansy widow after the shortest of short courtships. He cared a good deal about the opinion of other people when he took on the identity of his musically valet. It is true that he was inclined to disregard the value of money, and did not hanker after wealth. But, as I interpret his character, he would have detested anything approaching squalor, had he been faced with it.

Yet his is a Bohemian character, if ever there was one. Boiled down, his eccentricity took the form of shyness and a dislike of publicity. This trait caused him at one time to forfeit fame and wealth and to embark upon a life of inactivity. But he found that he had to paint—in the surroundings that Strickland found intolerable. While Strickland-Gauguin appeared to take an impish delight in shocking people at times—Gauguin used to have highly objectionable pictures hanging on his walls—Hans Carve was almost obliterated when he was accused of having two wives alive at the same time!

The problem of diagnosing Bohemianism becomes even more involved when we come to a third character—Mr. Latimer in the comedy "The Dover Road," by Mr. A. A. Milne. One cannot fail to admit him to the company of Bohemians, but he has nothing in common either with Hans Carve or with Strickland.

He is a wealthy sybarite, a creator of nothing but amusing situations which he alone can appreciate. There is no doubt about his eccentricity, both in speech and manners. He arranges that eloping couples shall be stranded at his large house on the Dover Road, and stage-manages unromantic situations, which make for speedy disillusionment.

Having played all three parts, and met some scores of people who have either been labelled, or have labelled themselves Bohemians, I still feel that I am as far as ever from securing a sound definition of the term.

As far as I can see, a Bohemian need not create; he need not be either rich or poor; he may be a hermit or delight in the society of others; he may be contented or the reverse. And he need not drink.

Hilaire Belloc describes a Bohemian of sorts in one of his essays, describing a rumble in a wild part of Europe. He met a wanderer who held that all a man needed to make for complete happiness and contentment was a loaf of bread and an onion!

More eccentricity is no sort of qualification.

Perhaps one can get somewhere near to a definition of this nebulous state in a negative manner. There is a sound maxim—act in public and in private so that every one of your actions is capable of being made into a universal rule. Is a Bohemian a man who fails to do this, whether through wilful perversity or unconscious rebellion against rules of all kinds?

CHANGING LONDON.

TWO FAMOUS SCHOOLS TO GO.

The decision to remove two of the oldest schools in the centre of London to the suburbs not only creates a break with tradition, but augurs the development of the metropolis has brought about.

The two schools which now are to go will leave big and valuable gaps in the heart of the metropolis. They are St. Martin's High School, almost beside the Alhambra in Charing Cross-road, founded in 1409, and the adjoining Grammar School in Leicester-square, founded by Archbishop Tension in the reign of Queen Anne. Arrangements for the re-erection of St. Martin's High School in Tulse Hill have already been made. Its removal, incidentally, will leave only two girls' schools in the heart of the West End—the Burlington School in Burlington Street, and the Greycoat School off Victoria Street. The Grammar School is to go to a site near Kensington Oval, where a descendant of the founder will design the new building.

The original sites which, of course, adjoin and will probably be disposed of together, will thus consist of Charing Cross Road, Leicester Square.

ST. MARTIN'S HIGH SCHOOL. The removal of St. Martin's High School, the headmistress, Miss C. H. Gannister, told an "Observer" representative, "will sever a very old association with the parish of St. Martin. It has been customary for the vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields to be our chairman, and for over two hundred years we have taken an active part in the life of the district."

Nevertheless, the removal has become absolutely necessary. For some time the Board of Education and the London County Council have practically condemned the school on account of the noise from the enormous traffic of Charing Cross Road.

We are, in that respect, the victims of circumstances, though it seems strange to think that we existed before the road, which, indeed, gathered itself around us. My old chairman used to tell me that at one time the building was a sort of 'show' school, and was visited by people from all parts of the country. Those days, of course, have long since gone, for we have been squeezed in by the growth all around and might now almost be passed unnoticed.

Our removal means something more than the breaking up of old associations. It is one of the most significant indications of the changes in central London in recent years. While on the one hand it is certain that we cannot exist in our present position under new conditions, the question arises as to what central London is to do without schools. It is quite true that the district is no longer residential in the sense that it was a few years ago, but a large number of our pupils live in the neighbourhood. The suggestion these children should in future attend the elementary schools might be feasible enough, but many parents will not fall in with it. The natural outcome is that they very often drift into the inefficient private school, for, as a result of the tremendous rents, few good private institutions can exist.

The St. Martin's High School will not break entirely with the district, for provision is to be made for travelling scholarships available to girls living within the parish.

I decline to admit into the Bohemian circle the French artist who used to walk about Paris in the nineties leading a lobster on a silver chain. Or the very young man in new velvet coats and patent leather shoes who lounge about the mushroom clubs of the West End, and have for their conversation nothing but destructive criticism.

One of the elements of Bohemianism must be a complete absence of self-consciousness. Another would seem to be the pursuit of something elusive, whether in the nature of a hobby, or in the realm of creative art. It requires some stretch of imagination to visualise a Bohemian stockbroker or a Bohemian grocer.

I feel a slight disappointment if I do not read in one of the periodicals every year a fanciful article entitled "The Passing of Bohemia." Bohemia is always passing, but it never ceases to exist. The real Bohemians are not on view at the "same" place and at the same "hour" each evening. Nor do they necessarily dwell in Chelsea and have their movements and actions photographed.

The boundaries of Bohemia are as indefinable as her inhabitants are incapable of being defined.

And, queerest thing of all, hardly one of them knows that he or she is different from the normal citizen!

A ONE-MAN SUB.

GERMAN DEEP-SEA DIVING SUIT.

The German deep-sea diving equipment manufactured by Messrs. Neufeldt and Kuhnke at Kiel, and requisitioned by the British Admiralty in the hope of salvaging the submarine M. 1 consists mainly of a rigid diving suit made of aluminium alloy, and strongly resembles in appearance a suit of medieval armour, states "The Observer."

The greatest difficulty in manufacturing the apparatus has been to make the joints perfectly flexible, so that a man can walk easily, use his arms freely, and at the same time be able to stand a pressure up to 25 atmospheres, which would correspond to the pressure of a depth of 750 feet. Practical use of the apparatus has been made up to a depth of 500 feet. Attached to the outside of the apparatus are several tanks, which are filled with water in order to give the necessary weight to the diver. When he wants to rise, these tanks are blown out by means of the compressed oxygen stored inside and controlled by the diver.

The internal mechanism resembles a submarine in many respects. The diver does not depend on any air firm above, as he has with him a sufficient quantity of oxygen to last for three hours. The carbonic acid exhaled is absorbed by special cartridges, as used in submarines.

An important and special feature of the apparatus is that the diver always has a normal pressure of one atmosphere, while the pressure of water increases by an atmosphere for every 10 feet in depth. The diver working at a depth of 500 feet, as practical trials have proved, does not suffer any inconvenience, and comes out of the apparatus as fresh as he entered it. The diver in the ordinary rubber suit requires about three-quarters of an hour to be lowered or raised slowly, in order to enable his body to adapt itself to the increasing or diminishing pressure. The new apparatus can go down to a depth three times greater in two minutes and can come up at the same speed.

SALVAGE AND OTHER USES. The diver retains communication with the vessel from which he descends by means of a steel cable sufficiently strong to raise and lower him. This cable contains three independent telephone wires. In case the connecting cable should become entangled in some obstacle and the diver is unable to clear it, he can detach the cable from inside the apparatus and rise to the surface independently by blowing out his tanks with the compressed oxygen. There are inside the equipment almost as many registering instruments as in the conning tower of a submarine, but the handling of the apparatus is extremely easy, and the diver new to it is greatly surprised to find how easily he can move his legs and arms under water, as the weight of the equipment is carried by the pressure of the water.

As diving with this apparatus does not require any physical training, such as divers have hitherto had to undergo, the supervising engineer or officer can go down any time himself to inspect the wreck or whatever may be the subject of inquiry. It is obvious that its field of usefulness is not limited to salvage work, though that is one of the greatest importance. New prospects are opened up, especially in pearl fishing, as it is known that the pearl oysters, which live in deeper water than has hitherto been reached, are much more abundant, and owing to their age contain more and bigger pearls.

HONGKONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1908-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 3 inches below mean sea-level. To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 5 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

January 12 to 18, 1926.

Time	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
	Time	Height	Time	Height
Tues. 12	10 19	2.7	1 28	2.4
Wed. 13	11 18	2.7	2 27	2.4
Thurs. 14	12 17	2.7	3 26	2.4
Fri. 15	1 16	2.7	4 25	2.4
Sat. 16	2 15	2.7	5 24	2.4
Sun. 17	3 14	2.7	6 23	2.4
Mon. 18	4 13	2.7	7 22	2.4

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Amoy for this port on Jan. 17
at p.m. and is due here on Jan. 18
at p.m.

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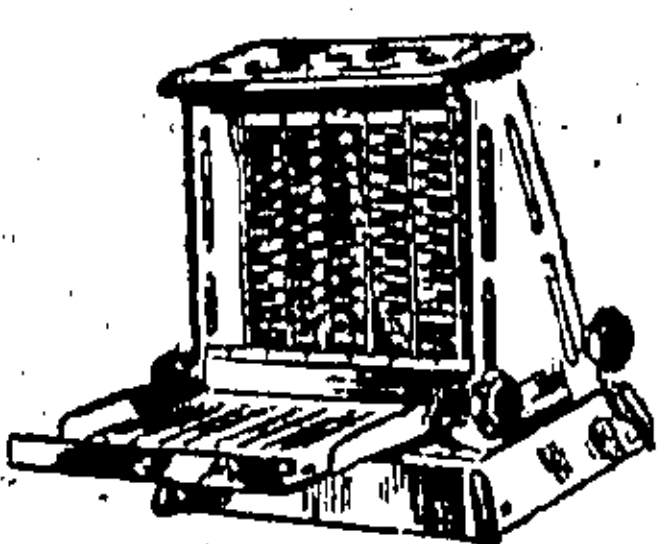
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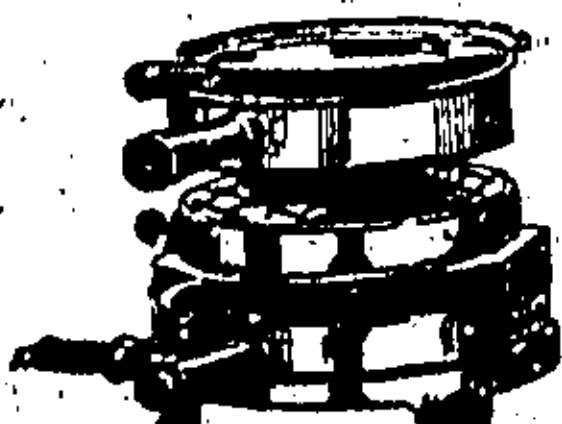
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PUBLIC HEALTH.

Outside medical and sanitary circles little interest is naturally taken locally in such an academic subject as the public health and sanitation of Manchuria. Still, the recent public health conference held at Dairen, under the auspices of the League of Nations, threw much light on the conditions prevailing there—"a marvellous system of medical colleges, hospitals, research laboratories, and institutions for preventing dangerous infectious diseases," according to Dr. A. L. Hoops, P.C.M.O., Straits Settlements. Dr. Elkington, of Brisbane, speaking of a visit to the new hospital at Dairen, said: "I may say frankly, that, although in Australia, we pride ourselves on hospital construction and equipment, I have never seen anything like it in my own country or elsewhere. It represents the realisation of a sanitarian's dream."

Dr. A. G. M. Severn, Assistant Medical Officer, Hongkong, joined in the chorus of approbation, being, as he stated at the conference, impressed by the high standards attained in Chosen and Manchuria and by the beneficent influence of the South Manchurian Railway Company, which attends to all educational and hygienic affairs in its area (over 600 miles). According to Dr. Severn, whose visit to Japan and Manchuria had been productive of great influence in relation to the betterment of public health in Hongkong, the problems of night-soil disposal, the destruction of refuse and garbage, and the fly danger appear to have been given careful attention by the public hygienic authorities in Manchuria. "No doubt," he said, "these problems will be solved in the near future and a working scheme contrived. This will be of great benefit in the extermination of parasitic and intestinal diseases, particularly the typhoid and dysentery groups, which are so common in Chosen and Manchuria."

At a subsequent dinner Dr. Severn said that they went to Manchuria with the impression that they should find things in a rather primitive condition, but they were agreeably surprised

with all they had seen, and the astonishingly high standard which had been achieved there in the realms of medicine and that more complex problem—the public health.

Evidently there are lessons for Hongkong to be derived from Manchuria, the benefit of which will not be lost, thanks to the sending of Dr. Severn as Hongkong's representative.

"EXCESSIVELY UGLY."

Mr. Bernard Shaw has made the suggestion, and like most, if not all of his utterances, there is something to be said for it. His opinion is that all buildings should be razed after being in existence ten years. "All buildings," needs some qualification, for no one desires to see the wanton destruction of those places of antiquity which, in themselves, are reminders of past greatness, and are as pleasing to the eye as they were to those who built them. But in general, let the plea be accepted; and at once go numerous slums, tenement houses, bungalows, and buildings whose only excuse for existence is their utilitarianism. Think of the trade impulse such a suggestion, if adopted, would provide, to say nothing of the urge to architects to give their imagination full play. If we are to look at buildings all our days, let the buildings be worth looking at. How much the mind is directed in the right channel, by what the eye sees, we do not pretend to know. But if the sight of a beautiful picture inspires to nobility of thought, utterance and action, the same may reasonably be applied to the building of perfect line and form. Is it possible to adapt such a plan to Hongkong, where much of what exists is due to mere expediency—often the desire to make money quickly? The thought is more impressed upon us by catching sight of a phrase of Sir E. Stubbs' speech in London recently. "The buildings were good, though excessively ugly," he assured his audience concerning Hongkong's structures. Sir Edward, during his stay here, could never be accused of obscurity of utterance. He is not a polished orator, but his speeches invariably read well, and are models of clear thought and expression. His opinion is a most striking one. Is it true? What do our architects think of it? Would they like, in the words of the absent minded artist looking at a woebegone cab horse, to "rub it out and do another?" The lay mind shrinks at a candid criticism of Hongkong's buildings. There is so much to consider—the instructions to the architect, the area of ground built upon—the general tendency to build rooms—which is after all what a house is built for—and to pay not much, if any, attention, to outward effect. A very capable local architect has put it on record that architects here are constructionists only. If this is true then Sir Edward Stubbs is confirmed in his opinion that our buildings are "excessively ugly." Would the ten year period of building help matters? Probably not. What is wanted—and what one day will come—will be an advisory body connected with the Building Authority, to advise on the beauty of a building, no matter what the nature of the building may be. Thus, whilst the same concern is manifested to see that building ordinances are observed to the letter, there will be some concern as to what a building will appear to the mind. Hongkong is a natural beauty spot, and many there is the disquieting fact that much of what has been done, and in the course of being done, is tawdry and nasty, and has no bearing on beauty or anything else. The matter seems to be summed up in a saying, the exact wording of which escapes us, that God made the country and man made the town.

LOST HIS NERVE.

ENQUIRY INTO FIREMAN'S FALL.

BRIGADE DRILL DEMONSTRATION.

To failure of his nerve when at a good height from the ground in the course of hook ladder drill was attributed the fall of a Fire Brigade recruit into the circumstances of whose death Mr. R. E. Lindsell (as Coroner) and a jury enquired at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Evidence was given to the effect that on December 31 the recruit ascended to the fourth stage and then hooked his ladder to the one higher up, and started to climb. The ladder appeared to be securely fixed. As he started to climb, he seemed to give the ladder a push which made it swing. The recruit tried to catch hold of the cross-bar on the tower, but failed to reach it. He released his right hand from the rung, and fell a distance of about forty feet to the ground.

A foreman in the Fire Brigade who conducted the class on that day said that the recruit had joined a little over a fortnight before the incident. Firemen were taught to hold the rungs tightly and not the upright in cases such as that in question. There would have been no danger if the man had kept a firm grip on the ladder.

Mr. H. T. Brooks, Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, said he had never known an accident similar to this in connection with hook ladders.

Mr. Lindsell said he thought it would be advantageous if the jury could see the ladders in use, and it was arranged that the Coroner and jury should visit the Wanchai station next Tuesday morning to see the drill performed, and to continue the inquiry afterwards.

TAIKOO BALL.

LAST NIGHT'S ENJOYABLE FUNCTION.

PLEASING DECORATIONS.

The Taikoo Club Ballroom was beautifully decorated in black and gold with coloured lights for the occasion of the annual Ball last night the arrangements for which were carried through with the thoroughness and attention to detail which is always such a striking feature of Taikoo events. Behind the be-flagged and light coloured supper room was the bar, camouflaged by the name "Dispensary" and beyond it lay a very comfortable card room. The messroom and verandah were comfortably fitted for sitting out purposes.

The Club shield was illuminated, and immediately below it was hung the photograph of John Swire, which was draped with the Union Jack and the B. and S. flag.

A pleasing innovation was the patent illuminated sign by which the dance numbers were announced. Arrangements for refreshments were excellent. They were in the hands of Cafe Wiseman. The music was supplied by Mr. R. H. Norton's Orchestra, augmented by the orchestra of the "Empress of Canada." When the final fox trot had been danced and the goodnight said, launches from the Dock conveyed the guests back to Hongkong and Kowloon.

Among the 300 guests who thronged the Club rooms were Mr. G. M. Young, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mrs. Reid, Mr. R. M. Dyer, Mr. E. Cook, Mr. G. M. Shaw, Mr. S. Baker, Capt. S. Robinson, O.B.E., R.N.R., of the "Empress of Canada," Sir Eric and Lady Stuart Taylor, Staff Captain Neyell, "Empress of Canada," and Mr. E. L. Matteson. The committees responsible for the successful function were as follows:

Decorations: Messrs. J. Simpson, T. Grimshaw, W. E. Price, M. H. Wallace, T. Young, W. Warner and Jas. Sloan. Buffet: Messrs. H. J. Muirhead, P. M. Stewart, W. Warnock and E. Howell.

Card Rooms: Messrs. W. Weir and G. McLeod. Bar: Messrs. A. J. Russell, M. H. Wallace, W. Robertson and J. Simpson.

Dance M.C.'s: Messrs. W. P. Seath, C. Young and W. Robertson. Guests were received at the entrance by Messrs. Weir, McLeod, Grimshaw, Price and Simpson. The general secretarial work was ably carried out by Mr. W. Robertson.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

So many stories have been invented around the personality of Sir Harry Lauder that it is pleasant to be able to record a true one. Someone asked him for a subscription to a charity. Sir Harry wanted to know how much he was expected to give. When a sum was named he gave double, remarking as he did so: "The man that expects a gift from a Scot deserves what he gets!" Which could be taken two ways.

A FULL Mr. A. N. Hornby, the veteran Lancashire sportsman, who has died after an operation at the age of 78, was famous among other things for a reply he is said to have given to his father, who asked what he intended to do with his life. "Well, sir," he is fabled to have answered, "between cricket in the summer and hunting and football in the winter, I really think my life is going to be a full one." He owed his nickname of "Monkey" to his extraordinary agility in his younger days, when he was the most famous of all stealers of short runs.

THE COMIC An epicure, dining at Crews, MUSE. Found quite a large mouse in the stew. Said the waiter, "Don't shout and wave it about. Or the rest will be wanting one too!"

THE REAL WENCESLAS. "Good King Wenceslas," which still seems the most popular carol with discordant minstrels, was not a king but a duke; his expedition "on the Feast of Stephen" was not a picturesque embassy of mercy, and the tender young page was, alas! a middle-aged knight. Wenceslas drank too much, adding naively, "as a prince might," but he took drastic measures with other drunkards. "If he could convert them in no other way he would invite them to supper and beat them lustily." Wenceslas was killed in a drunken brawl by his brother Borislaus.

THE DEVIL'S to say, Field-Marshal Sir William Birdwood. Commander-in-Chief in India—has been telling more stories about Australians, this time in a speech at Calcutta.

"I remember once," he said, "being in a small room at a base in France—I believe it was Dieppe—when a Welsh padre was addressing an audience consisting of Irishmen, Scotsmen, Canadians, Australians, and others. He was emphasising the power of

the devil, and pointing in turn to a Scotsman, an Irishman, and a Canadian; he said: 'He can reach you.'"

Then his eye met an absorbed Australian, and he said, "And the devil can also reach you, too."

Promptly the Australian replied, "Well, the damn thing might just as well be loose."

"That stopped the argument," added Birdwood.

The new issue of New Kelly's P.O. OCCUPATIONS. Directory for 1926 (55s.) contains a number of new occupations to which fathers can put their sons or daughters.

For example, there is the new trade in frozen eggs. Egg merchants, we have always had, and egg albumen manufacturers, and in course of time we became familiar with merchants of eggs in powder and liquid form, while there are no fewer than five egg substitute makers. Now there is one importer of eggs frozen.

Amongst other new trade headings are:

Air pre-heater makers, Dynamic balancing machines, Electrical carcass wiring, Table liners, and Motor-car dealers (by hire purchase).

Altogether there are 5,000 trades and professions in this monumental work, which embraces the County of London together with part of the Borough of West Ham. The publishers say that in the revision of the 4,000 pages some of the corrections were 50 per cent. to the page.

An astonishing fact is that in London there are no fewer than 104 eel-pie houses, not counting branch establishments.

When you are in the

ADVICE. "gym" playing for exercising, suppose a man scratches you or gives you a butt with his head cutting your cheek. Don't show any sign that you notice it and don't suspect that he did it deliberately or that he is a treacherous fellow. Yet at the same time don't be too careless; keep watch out of the corner of your eye. He may not be trying to harm you, but take no chances. Just keep out of his way. That's easy. Just watch out and don't let him get near you, and there'll be no trouble. Which is one of the best ways, we know of to avoid trouble if it can be done with a proper maintenance of self-respect.

The above, by the way, was said by Marcus Aurelius Antoninus, paragraph 20 of the sixth book of his philosophy. Marcus Aurelius ascended the Roman throne with Verus in 161 A.D., so you see, it is nothing particularly new.

ATLAS JOYS.

The other day I met a man who didn't know where Tripoli was. Tripoli happened to come into the conversation, and he was evidently at a loss. Let's see," he said. "Tripoli is just down by the—er—you know. What's the name of that place?" "That's right," I answered, "just opposite Thimgamabob. I could show you in a minute on the map. It's near—what do they call it?" At this moment the train stopped, and I got out and went straight home to look at my atlas.

I always enjoy these periodic excursions to my atlas. People talk a good deal of nonsense about the importance of teaching geography at school instead of useless subjects like Latin and Greek, but so long as you have an atlas near you, of what use is geography? Why waste time learning where Tripoli and Fiume are, when you can turn to a map of Africa and spot them in a moment? In a leading article in "The Times" (no less—our premier English newspaper) it was stated during a general election that Darlington was in Yorkshire. You may say that "The Times" leader writers ought to have been taught geography; I say that unfortunately they have been taught geography. They learnt, or thought they learnt, that Darlington was a Yorkshire town. If they had been left in a state of decent ignorance, they would have looked for Darlington in the map—and found that it was in Durham.

Yes, Durham; that's right. As it is, there are at this moment some hundreds of retired colonels who go about believing implicitly that Darlington is in Yorkshire because "The Times" has said it. How much more important than a knowledge of geography is the possession of an atlas.

My own atlas is a particularly fine specimen. It contains all sorts of surprising maps which never come into ordinary geography. I think my favourite is a picture of the Pacific Ocean, coloured in varying shades of blue according to the depths of the sea.

Then my atlas has a map of "The British Empire showing the great commercial highways"; another of "The North Polar regions showing the progress of explorations"; maps of the trade routes, of gulf streams, and beautiful things of that kind.

Why, with all your geographical knowledge you couldn't even tell me the distance between Yokohama and Honolulu, but I can give the answer in a moment—3,379 miles. Also I know exactly what a section of the world along lat. 45° Deg. N. looks like—and there are very few of our most learned men who can say as much.

But my atlas goes even farther than this, though I for one do not follow it. It gives diagrams of exports and imports; it tells you where things are manufactured or where grown; it gives pictures of sheep—an immense sheep representing New Zealand and a mere insect representing Russia, and alas! no sheep at all for Canada and Germany and China. Then there are pictures in colour of such unfamiliar objects as spindles and raw silk and miners and Mongolians and iron ore; statistics of traffic receipts and diamonds. I say that I don't follow my atlas here, because information of this sort does not seem to belong properly to an atlas. This is not my idea of geography at all. When I open my atlas I open it to look at maps—to find out where Tripoli is—not to acquire information about flux and things; yet I cannot forget the boast that if I wanted I could even speak at length about flux—A. A. Milne, in "If I May."

"LOUD CHEERS."

GREETINGS VOTE IN CANADIAN COMMONS.

MAJORITY OF THREE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Ottawa, Jan. 15.

After five days, the debate in the Canadian House of Commons terminated in the rejection by 123 to 120 of the vote of no confidence moved by the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C., Leader of the Opposition.

Loud cheers marked the relief of the tension existing owing to the uncertainty of the result, coupled with the fact that an adverse vote would have immeasurably upset the political situation.

In a last-moment speech, Minister Bovijn (?) declared that the Government would not regard the defeat of the amendment as a general approval of the Government's record of four years. He promised that Government would resign if any future legislation was disapproved; meanwhile the only practical course was to avoid a new general election.

[An Ontario message of December 2 stated:—Parliament has been formally summoned to meet on January 7. This change from the tentative date of December 10 was made on account of the improbability of the members who were elected on October 29 being all returned in time. At present the returns of 226 writs have been gazetted; The Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, takes the position that as in all probability the right of the Government to hold office will be promptly challenged, every member will claim the right to be present at the opening of Parliament.]

SIMPLE?

ALLEGED CURE FOR LUPUS.

FRENCH DOCTOR'S CLAIM.

(Hugues Agency.)

Paris, Jan. 15.

"Le Matin" reports that a French physician, Dr. Auregan, has invented a rapid and efficient method of healing lupus.

The cure consists in "deep scrapping" of the affected part and cementing with permanganate of potash.

[Lupus, or tuberculosis of the skin, runs a prolonged and chronic course. It most commonly affects persons under twenty, and generally attacks the nose and neighbouring part of the cheeks, ulceration taking place. Hitherto the treatment has been the injection of new tuberculin, or application of X-rays as Finsen light rays, and salicylic acid to destroy diseased tissues, along with plenty of fresh air and cod liver oil.]

FRENCH FINANCE.

AN INCREASE OF REVENUE LAST YEAR.

(Hugues Agency.)

Paris, Jan. 15.

The revenue for December, from normal and permanent sources, amounted to 3,621,000,000 francs, compared with 2,729,000,000 francs in December, 1924.

The total revenue for 1925 from permanent sources amount to 28,358,000,000 francs compared with 25,835,000,000 francs in 1924.

SCANDAL ECHO.

DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN MUSICIAN.

MARRIED A PRINCESS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Florence, Jan. 15.

The death is announced of the musician, Enrico Toselli. He was formerly attached to the Court of Saxony. His intimacy with the Crown Princess Louise created a scandal, when they eloped before the war. Subsequently they married and later were divorced.

Princess Louise, whom Toselli married in London in 1907, was an Austrian Archduchess and the former wife of the King of Saxony, who divorced her in 1903 when she received the title of Montignoso. Toselli and his wife separated in 1911, but were not divorced.

His reputation as a composer rests on his well-known serenades.

COMING HERE.

TWO LUCKY YOUNG LADIES.

TRIP ROUND WORLD.

Among the passengers arriving on s.s. "President Polk" due at Hongkong on January 19 will be Miss Irene Mitchell of Chicago, and Miss Geraldine Pysen, of the State of Illinois, who were winners in a contest, the first prize of which was a trip around the world on the Dollar Steamship Line.

These young ladies, by their untiring efforts in the sale of tickets for admission to the Illinois Products Exposition, which was held at Chicago last October, have earned the titles "The two best sales-ladies for Illinois." They disposed of thousands of tickets to individual purchasers. Through Miss Mitchell's efforts in the City of Chicago, 1,785,000 tickets were personally disposed of. Miss Pysen, whose territory was the entire State of Illinois, outside the City of Chicago, required a greater amount of labour, and on account of the larger population, her endeavours represented the sale of more than four million tickets.

In addition to the two trips around the world for the first prizes, various other prizes were offered, and the young ladies of Illinois and Chicago, by their efforts in the sale of tickets, secured an attendance at the Illinois Products Exposition, which broke all previous records. Among the other prizes offered were fifteen tickets via Dollar Steamship Line, steamers from New York via Cuba and Panama Canal to San Francisco.

The entire levy of 17 prize-winning sales-ladies for Illinois left New York on the Dollar liner s.s. "President Polk" on November 26, receiving one of the most enthusiastic farewells ever witnessed in New York. All of the party were decorated with "badges" labelled "Taking Mighty Illinois Around the World." Enthusiastic receptions have been tendered the young ladies at Havana, the Panama Canal ports, also Los Angeles and San Francisco. At Los Angeles, several of the sales-ladies received offers to enter the service of the various moving-picture companies. At San Francisco, the party was welcomed by special repris attitudes from the Chicago Chamber of Commerce, and also a huge delegation of old residents of Illinois now residing in San Francisco. During the stay of the liner in San Francisco, the young ladies were extensively entertained.

Miss Mitchell and Miss Pysen, continuing on their way around the world, received an enthusiastic send-off from San Francisco. Cable advice from Honolulu state that Illinois residents were out in force upon arrival of the s.s. "President Polk" at that point. It is expected that these two young ladies will receive special attention at all ports on their way around the world.

LOCAL CONCERT.

TO-MORROW NIGHT'S PROGRAMME.

As the result of the great success of the symphony concert arranged for last Sunday evening at the Queen's Theatre, the management have secured the very fine orchestra of H.M.S. "Hawkins" for one more performance to-morrow evening when the following programme will be given:—

(I) Suite, Woodland Pictures, Percy Fletcher. (ii) In The Hayfields. (iii) In An Old World Garden. (iv) The Bonfire.

(v) Allegro Moderato, Symphony In B Minor (Unfinished), Schubert. (vi) Selection, Tannhauser, Wagner.

This of course is quite in addition to the picture programme arranged. There is no increase in prices.

The Sanitary Board draws the attention of the public, and especially of those who have recently come to this Colony, to the possibility of acquiring diseases, e.g. Dysentery and Typhoid Fever, by the eating of uncooked vegetables. Chinese market gardeners use manure from human sources and their custom is to pour the manure, or spray it from watering-pots in liquid form, over the growing plants. Disease-producing parasites are therefore possibly present on the surfaces of plants, e.g. lettuce, over which the gardener's spray falls.

QUAINT STORY.

M.P. WHO ACTED AS A COMEDIAN.

MANAGER IN ASYLUM!

An incident which destroyed all his ambitions to become a famous actor and decided him to go in for politics, was related by Sir Walter de Frece, M.P. for Blackpool, in a humorous speech at the annual conference of the National Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Association.

In his earlier years, Sir Walter said, he went out as manager when on tour with a company of Sir John Hare's. On arrival at a town called Sunderland—laughter—he found to his horror that the two principal comedians had quarrelled over the question of a dance part, and at 7.15—a quarter of an hour before the curtain went up—one of them refused to go on the stage.

Sir Walter said he asked his wife (formerly Miss Vesta Tilley), who was playing the principal part, what he should do, and she advised him to play the part. "I did so," Sir Walter proceeded, "and I shall never forget that experience as long as I live. In the gallery was a young man endeavouring to unfasten a gas bracket, which was clearly intended for me. (Laughter). At the close of the performance, which Lady de Frece said was quite successful, I changed my clothes and went to the front of the theatre. There I met the resident manager, who asked me who was the comedian."

IDENTITY NOT DISCLOSED.

Realising, Sir Walter continued, that to divulge his identity would mean a reduction in the percentage for his company, he informed the manager that the comedian was an under-study drawing £20 a week. The manager assured him that if he had the comedian's services he would put him in pantomime and give him £40 a week.

Full of this news, Sir Walter said he informed his wife, who advised him to take the part, and promptly at 11 o'clock next day he arrived at the manager's office. The manager, however, failed to appear, and one hour later a young man came in.

"Where's the manager?" Sir Walter said he asked, and added: "He is a little man, isn't he?"

"Haven't you heard?" replied the young man. "They have taken him to the lunatic asylum this morning." (Loud laughter).

Sir Walter mentioned that his first experience as an amateur actor was at Liverpool, when he was associated with famous men, such as Lord Birkenhead, his brother, the late Sir Harold Smith, and Tom Gallon, the writer.

YEAR'S RECORD PROGRESS.

Over 200 delegates, representing 700 affiliated societies, attended the conference.

The President, Mr. F. H. Jessop (Aberystwyth) mentioned that a record had been created in that it was the first year the affiliated society membership had exceeded 100 between one annual meeting and another.

A competition between the Association's own affiliated societies on the lines adopted by the French Federation would, he said, be of infinite benefit to the members, and would do much to enhance productions.

The rapid growth of repertory companies and art theatres was also alluded to by the President, who said they must admit them to membership or drive them into another association whose constitution was not as rigid as their own. They could not afford to let that happen.

Later, the President outlined a scheme for developing a taste for music and drama among school children, and pointed out that children's school performances were exempt from the entertainment tax because they were educational.

It was not at all improbable, he added, that there might be a total re-arrangement of the entertainment duty in the next Finance Act, which might result in amateur societies getting total exemption.

It was decided, in view of the enlargement of the aims of the association, to drop the word "amateur" from the title.

A feature of the proceedings was the decoration of Mr. Herbert H. Monckton (Birmingham) and Mr. H. P. Hollingdrake (Bolton) by Lady de Frece with the insignia of office as life members. Sir Walter de Frece will forward similar insignia to Mr. Ernest Barstow (Harrogate), who was absent through illness. Sir Walter and Lady de Frece were re-elected patrons.

OIL AND METALS.

AUSTRALIA TO ENCOURAGE PROSPECTORS.

VOTES OF £100,000.

(Reuter's Service.)

Melbourne, Jan. 15.

The Federal Government has introduced two Bills in the House of Representatives providing £40,000 to encourage prospecting for precious metals in Australia and £60,000 to encourage prospecting for petroleum.

COMPANY REPORT.

STAR FERRY CO., LTD.

The "Star" Ferry Co., Ltd., reports that the balance at Profit and Loss Account for the year ended December 31, 1925, is \$269,810.61, which, together with \$11,415.08 brought forward from the previous year, makes a total of \$281,225.69 available for appropriation.

The Directors will, at the approaching meeting of shareholders, recommend the following distribution:—

Pay a dividend of \$1.50 per share \$120,000.00
Pay a bonus of \$1.50 per share 120,000.00
Carry forward to new account 32,225.69
\$272,225.69

MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.

The T.K.K. s.s. "Tenyo Maru" arrived Shanghai Jan. 14 and sailed yesterday for San Francisco via Japan, ports and Honolulu.

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6 p.m. Preacher: Rev. G. G. Barnes, B.A.

8.15 p.m. Chaplain's Meeting in the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, Arsenal Street.
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NOTICE.

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OWNERS OF DOGS are reminded that their dogs should be Licensed for the year 1926 before the end of January.
P. P. J. WODEHOUSE,
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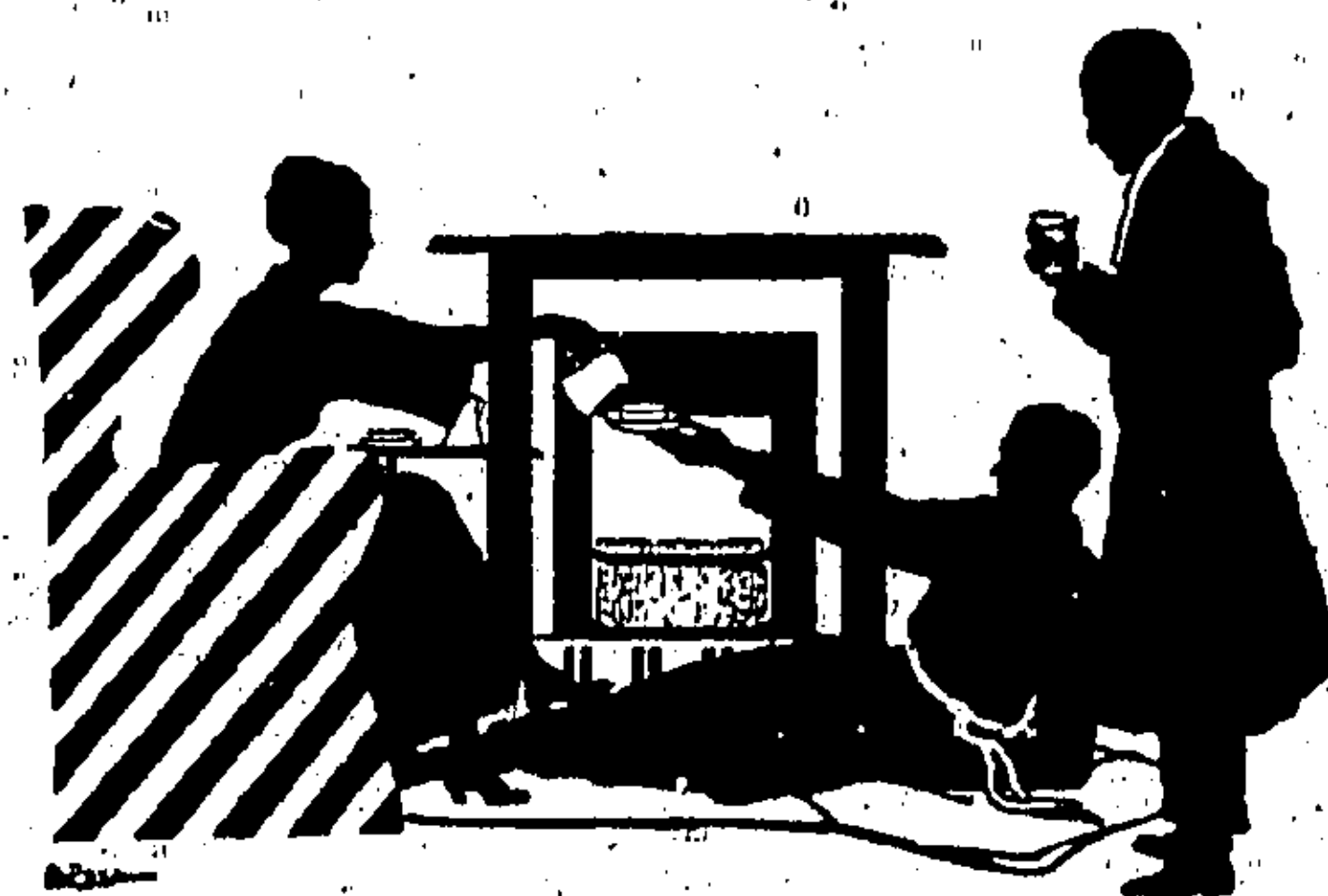
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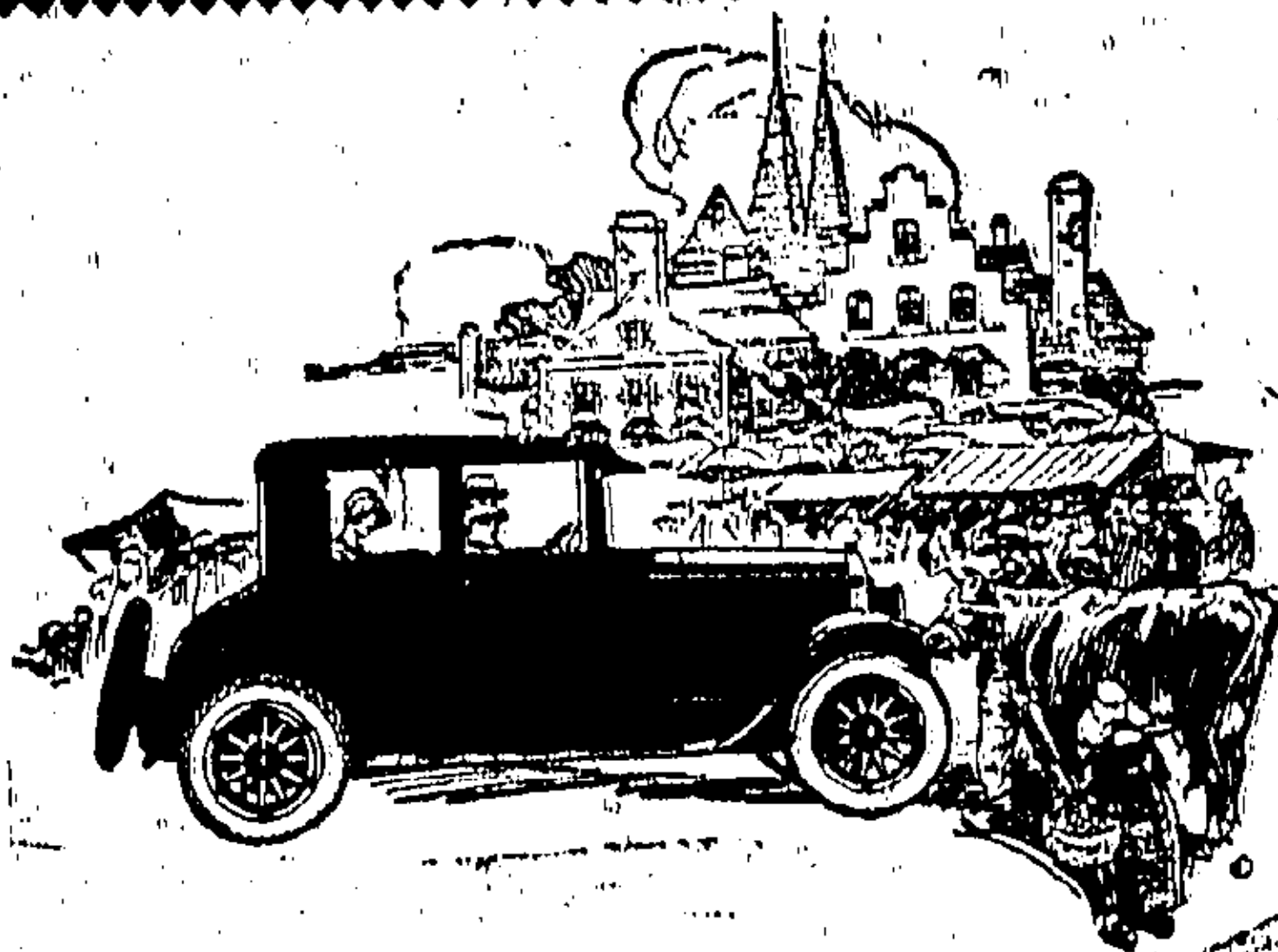
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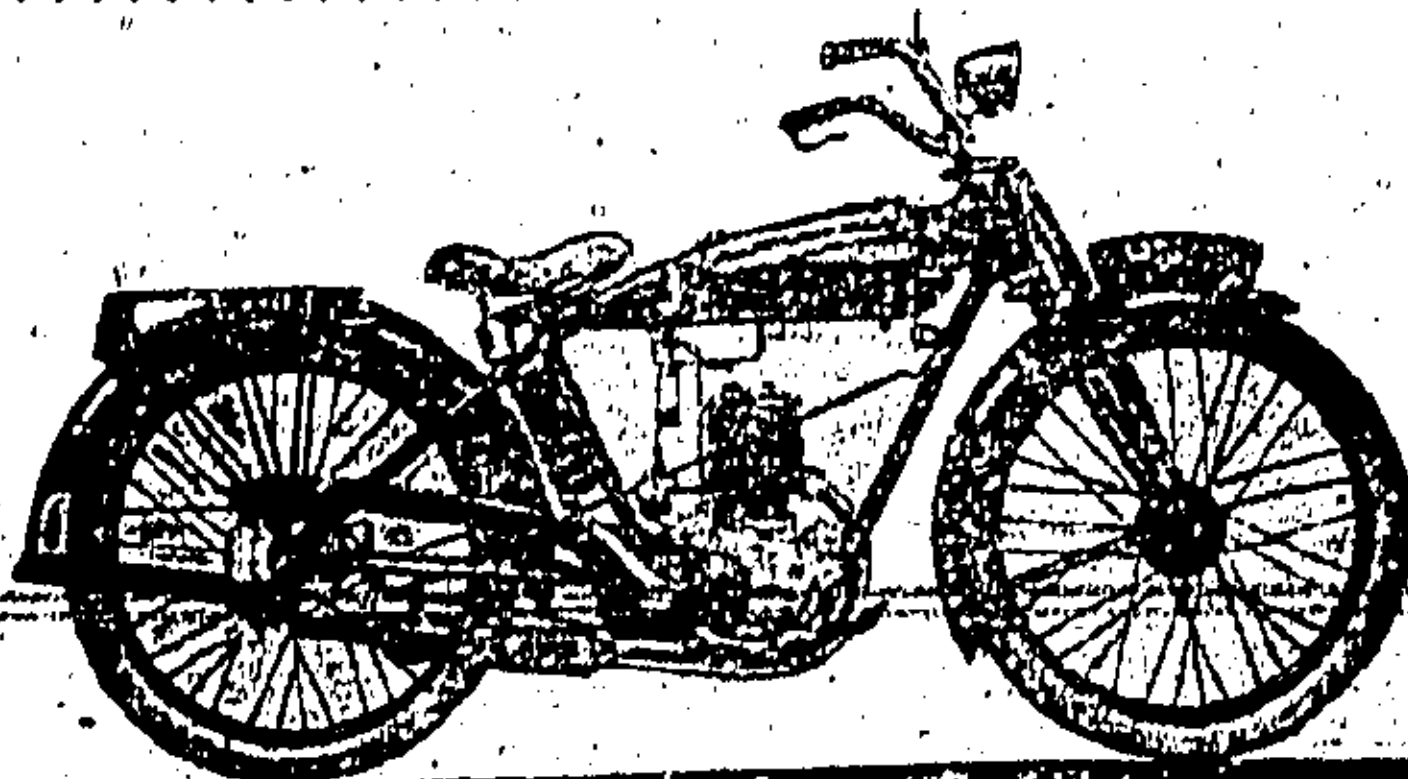
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The Canadian Pacific liner "Montcalm" arrived in Liverpool with two grizzly bears, five coyotes, or "prairie wolves," six meekens and 31 chipmunks. Passengers fed the bears with chocolates.

A social evening in connection with the Cathedral Branch of the Church of England Men's Society is to be held on Tuesday next at 9 p.m. in the Cathedral Hall. Refreshments will be served.

London retailers of fruit have been prosecuted for selling American apples with a powdery deposit on them containing arsenic. It was not present in dangerous quantities, though there is no telling how many apples a boy will eat, skin and all. The deposit was caused through a spray for the killing of insect pests, and it is stated that, though the same insecticide is used in England, spraying is not continued so late and so liberally.

Referring to an action recently heard at home, "Truth" observes: By the way, the newspaper reports of this case referred to the plaintiff as "Messrs. B. Tappin, Ltd." In an excess of courtesy many people prefix "Messrs." to the names of limited companies, but journalists ought not to make this silly mistake. It would be just as correct to write of Messrs. Trafalgar Square, or Piccadilly Circus, etc.

Exhorting the crowd to "Put your trust in the Lord," a young man with wild eyes, who was preaching in the Town Hall square at Chester began to burn £1 Treasury notes. The crowd increased quickly, and astonished onlookers began to throw stones at him when it was found that the notes were genuine. Someone eagerly suggested that the young man should dispose of his notes by distributing them, instead of burning them. Then the police intervened and detained the strange evangelist until his relatives arrived.

The annual convention of the all Japan Young Men's Association is to take place at the association hall for four days beginning April 13. This convention is to be followed by entertainments by delegates who will present local songs and dances.

Miss Sylvia Baker has visited the Zoological Gardens every day for the past five years, for the purpose of studying the animals there, and inducing them to pose for their portraits. The result is a volume of brilliant sketches of Zoo celebrities.

Two and a quarter million candles (in 4,000 cases of six dozen pounds each), valued at nearly £14,000, are lying in the bottom of the "Thames new Union Wharf, Wapping. They belong to Messrs. Price, the well-known manufacturers, and were on the barge "Corona" waiting transference to a cargo boat for shipment abroad, when during the dense fog the barge was sunk in a collision. Some of the cases, it is expected, may be unshipped from the barge by the tide. There are as a result many watchers on the riverside in the lower reaches of the Thames on the look-out for these cases.

The "Malacca Observer" hears that the outcome of the meeting convened by the Hon. Mr. R. Scott, Resident Councillor, some time in November last at the High School Hall, resulted in the formation of a Co-operative Society amongst Government and Municipal employees, the following were appointed to form the provisional committee:—Messrs. Raymond de Souza, Theodor, Pannalasi, Chan Hong-tek, Teoh Bong-long, Limmanuel, Tambayah and Hashim. A similar has been passed round and many of the Government employees have signified their willingness to join. There will be a meeting shortly to frame the necessary rules for its early formation.

The Russian Imperial Light Opera Company, appear this evening at the Theatre Royal.

A weekly sing-song is held at the Kowloon Y.M.C.A., each Saturday commencing at 9.15 p.m.

The return of notifiable diseases for the 24 hours ended Thursday shows one Chinese case of diphtheria.

A special acrobatic display by a Northern Chinese troupe is to be given to-day and to-morrow at the Lee Garden.

The annual general meeting of the members of the Hongkong Horticultural Society is to be held on Thursday, January 28, in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

A combined meeting of the members of the China Coast Officers' Guild and the Marine Engineers' Guild of China is to be held at 10 a.m. to-morrow at the Sailors' Home, West Point.

The unmarried female European population of Singapore was considerably augmented as a result of the arrival in port of the "City of Palermo," from Sydney. She brought 53 passengers to Singapore, 28 of whom were single ladies.

The E. S. A. M. of Malaya is in receipt of a letter from the Hon. organising Secretary of the British Empire Service League, which reads as follows:—"I am directed by Field Marshal Earl Haig, and the members of the Empire Council, to convey to you, and to the members of the Ex-Service Association of Malaya, sincere and hearty greetings for Christmas and the New Year. My Council hope that the splendid work which is being done by your organisation in Malaya, in assisting old comrades may continue to make steady progress."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Charlton Maxwell, Commissioner, Trade and Customs, F.M.S., will be going on leave about April.

Viscount Emily and Sir Percival Phillips were in Penang on Christmas day, on board the "Edavara," bound for Calcutta.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Goodwin and Mr. F. Yates returned to the Colony from Manila yesterday, by the "President Lincoln."

The engagement is announced of Miss Dorothy M. Hodgson, Nursing Sister, Batu Gajah Hospital, to Mr. H. Bille, a well-known Kinta planter.

Mr. P. F. Le Fevre of the "Texas" Company leaves to-day on home leave. Mr. D. S. Scott will be Acting District Manager for the Company.

Cav. Adv. Raffaele Rapos, Italian Consular Agent for China, and Dr. Giorgio Pannino, Consular Attaché to the Shanghai Consulate General, have arrived in Shanghai.

Mr. Kent Clark, for nine years manager of the Oriental Hotel, Kobe, sailed by the str. "Taiko Maru" for America where he will join Mrs. Clark and his children who are now in Hartford, Connecticut, and will later engage in hotel work on the Pacific coast. Previous to his connection with the Oriental Hotel, Mr. Clark was with the Pacific S. S. Co. for 12 years, and in 1915, when that company changed hands, he became identified with the P. K. K. S. S. Co. in the same position.

The usual Hogmanay celebrations organised by Lodges Tullibardine (Kuala Lumpur) and Malaya (Klang) were held in the Scottish Masonic Temple, Kuala Lumpur, on December 31, about 150 guests and hosts, including Sir Malcolm and Lady Watson, being present. After the usual dinner, dancing began and continued until about 3 a.m. The music was provided by Messrs. Gardiner, Homsley, Trowell, Watts, and Weston. During the dinner, the opportunity was taken of presenting to Mr. Lowson a canteen of cutlery, suitably inscribed, as a wedding gift from the members of Lodge Tullibardine.

Mr. A. L. Jungeux, Assistant Engineer, P.W.D., who has been serving at Taiping for about 20 years, retired from Government service yesterday.

Mr. M. B. Shelley has been appointed to act as Director of Education, S.S. and F.M.S., and while performing these duties will act as Principal of Raffles College.

The wedding will take place shortly before the Registrar of Marriages, of Mr. Victor J. Mendis, solicitor, Penang, and Miss Rhoda Kanavatie, of Butterworth.

Mr. Owen Butler, author of "The Song of Thadath" and "Through Formosa," is about to publish a novel entitled "Sepia." Though the author's work is well known in the East, this is his first novel. It deals with Malaya and is sure to be widely read. It is to be published by Fisher Unwin.

Mr. E. C. Morrison, formerly of the Borneo Company, Singapore, and Mrs. Morrison have settled down at Liskeard, Cornwall, where they have bought a small property. In a letter by the mail, Mr. Morrison says that Cornwall is the country for an Eastern man to retire to—they hear of dreadful cold and storms in London while Cornwall is basking in sunshine.

An old ex-resident of Singapore passed away in London on December 19, 1925, in the person of Mr. William Edward Nash. In his younger days he was a pioneer in Pahang, and some years ago joined the Singapore Municipality, and when he retired owing to failing eye sight, he was chief water engineer. He was twice married, his second wife being Miss Marie Lemercier, a French lady, by whom he is survived, but he has left no children.

Lady Allenby, who accompanies her husband on his world tour, will occupy a unique niche in the history of the late war, for the nation of Palestine once said that without her comforting letters he could never have done what he did. A thing very few people do know is that when the trouble in Cairo was at its height and there was every possibility that Lord Allenby's life would be attempted, she insisted on accompanying him in the car whenever he made a public appearance, by being named after him.

Competitors at the Stable "Tails" Boxing Tournament in aid of St. Dunstan's, at the National Sporting Club in January, will be Pat Donoghue, son of the famous jockey, and Ernest Wilde, brother of the ex-flyweight champion of the world.

Mr. Yong Sze-lin, B.A., Cambridge, of Lincoln's Inn, barrister-at-law, has just returned to Kuala Lumpur. Friends and relations are giving him a very hearty welcome. The Victoria Institution is able to add another name to the long list of distinguished "Old Victorians."

The death has occurred at Bangkok of Madame Preecha, a daughter of Sir Thomas George Knox, former British Political Agent and Consul General in Siam. Of those on the staff of the Consulate-General of these days none but Mr. E. H. French is now alive.

An interesting little ceremony took place on the s.s. "City of Barcelona," which it will be remembered, grounded on the N. Luconia Shoal on Christmas Day, when the passengers presented Captain Haughton with a silver cigarette box in token of their appreciation of the untiring efforts of himself, officers and crew resulting in the safe arrival of the steamer at Singapore.

His Majesty the King-Emperor has been graciously pleased to direct that as this is the last occasion on which his Excellency Lord Reading will be in Calcutta it will be proper for him to attend the races on the King Emperor's Cup Day and on the Viceroy's Cup Day, and to present the cups as has been customary. There will be strict observance of the directions regarding dress during the period of Court mourning.

M. Paul Doumer, who is now French Minister of Finance, was well known in Singapore when he was Governor-General of French Indo-China, where he was known amongst the officials as the Emperor Paul owing to his autocratic way of carrying on the government. He was, nevertheless, one of the ablest administrators that Indo-China had, and his memory is still perpetuated by one of the Saigon-owned steamers by being named after him.

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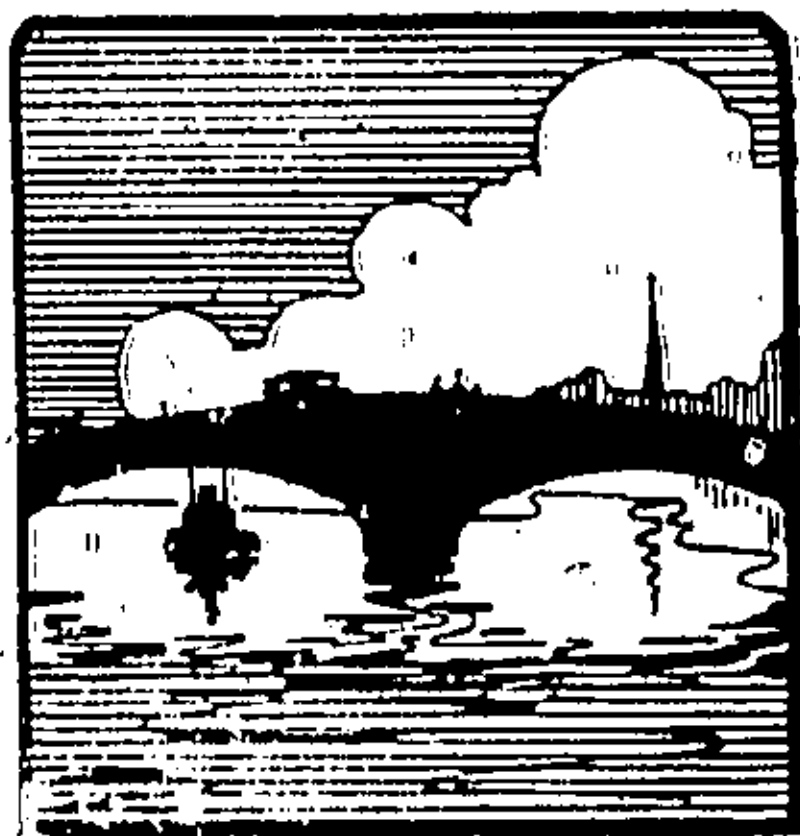
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Hongkong University group taken last Tuesday, when degrees were conferred on graduates. The graduates above include Miss Irene Ho Tung, B.A., (seated, fourth from left) the second lady to take a degree at the University. Mr. W. W. Hoppell, C.I.E., Vice-Chancellor, is in the middle of the front row.

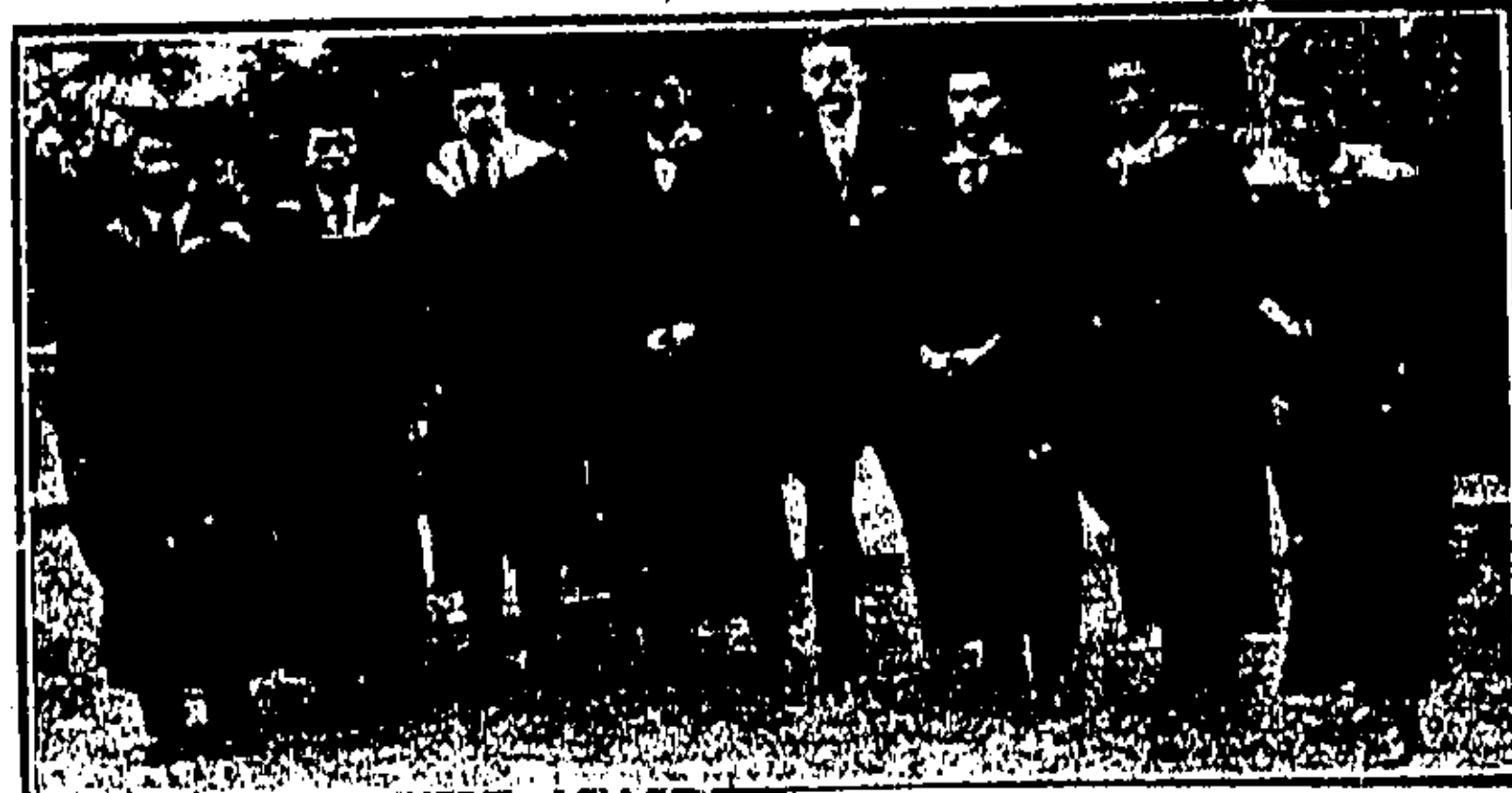


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Another group of University graduates at Tuesday's congregation. In the centre is Prof. W. J. Hinton, M.A., Dean of the Arts Faculty and Professor of Political Economy. Next to him (without gown) is Mr. T. A. Martin of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Mathews, lecturer in accounting in the commercial course.



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At Queen's Pier last Saturday, when the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher (third from left) departed to take up the Colonial Secretaryship of Ceylon. On the extreme left is Col. C. Russell Brown, R.E. and Mr. Ho Kiu-long is at the other end of the row.



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Able Seaman Gardner of H.M.S. "Hermes" who, on Thursday night, at the Theatre Royal, won the featherweight boxing championship of the Colony and the Scott-Hamilton belt by defeating, on points, Drummer Bowles, 1/East Surveys.



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The fifteen of the Hongkong Football Club (rugby section) which beat the Navy in the big match last Saturday, at the carrying code. Left to right (top): F. J. Easterbrook, H. J. Armstrong, J. O'Connor, E. P. Stewart, J. C. Middleton Smith, W. Beveridge; (middle) O. Skinner, R. Millar, R. W. Lee, G. F. Lammert (captain), H. R. Forsyth (vice-captain), J. Foster, W. Lithgow-Smith; (front) J. Morrison, L. P. Ralph.



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Flashlight photo of the masked Cinderella fancy dress dance held at the Seamen's Institute last Saturday by the ladies of Royal Naval Dockyard. Vice-Admiral Sir E. Alexander-Sinclair and Commodore A. J. B. Stirling were present.

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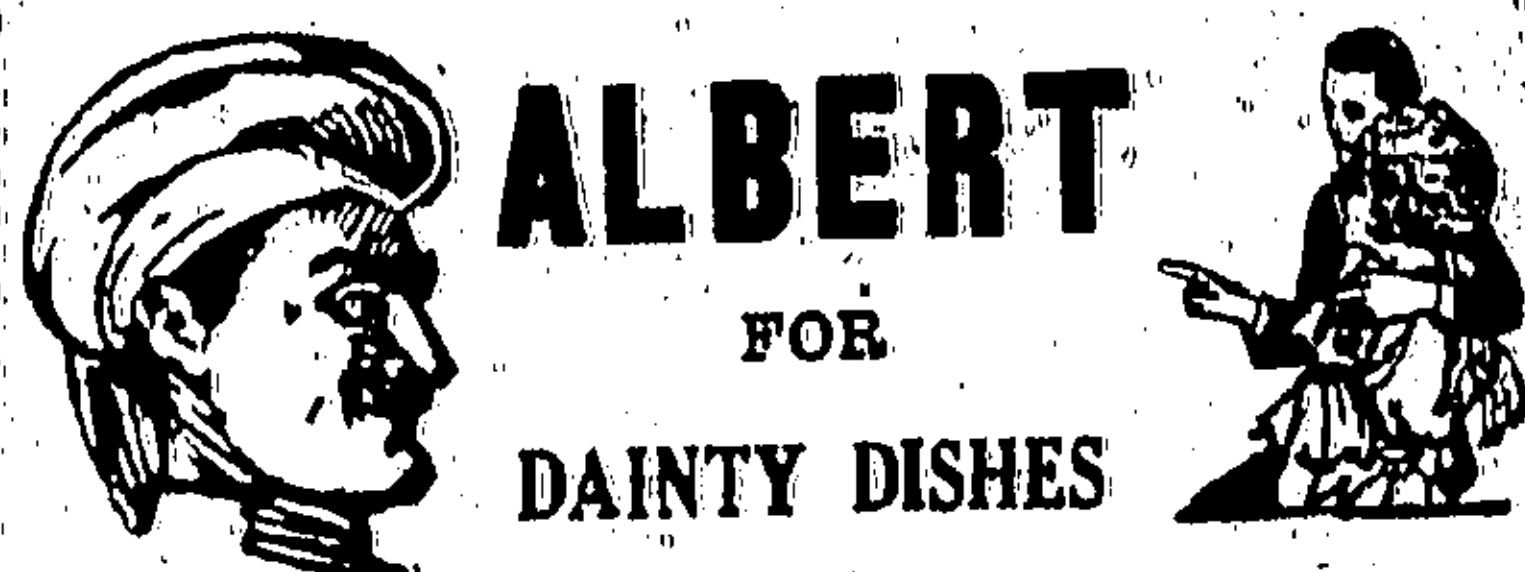
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mode that a distinctly feminizing
influence has been read into clothes
which are at the height of the vogue.

Colours for the fall days are very
bright. Vivid shades of purple, blue,
red, with deeper tones of pink and blue,
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and trimmings.

Furs of long and short hairs are being
featured as the smartest of trimmings
for the suit or frock. And for the
evening, ermine has been selected as
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smart, while a flare, added to the out-
lines of the wrap, pronounced it the
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Cape effects in fur coats are very
much used for formal times. And the
cape which is added to the fall topcoat
of cloth is very much the vogue right
now. In fact, a military tendency is
to be seen in many of the smartest fall
coats.

The decorated back of the newest
coats spelt a note of extreme chic in the
fall mode. Frocks which are new also
use a decorated back and a front of
extreme simplicity. The evening gown
also uses a much panelled or draped
back with a plain front.

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and coats which feature a decorated
back are those whose trimmings,
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the front. Many of the newest modes
feature a pulled up in the front fullness,
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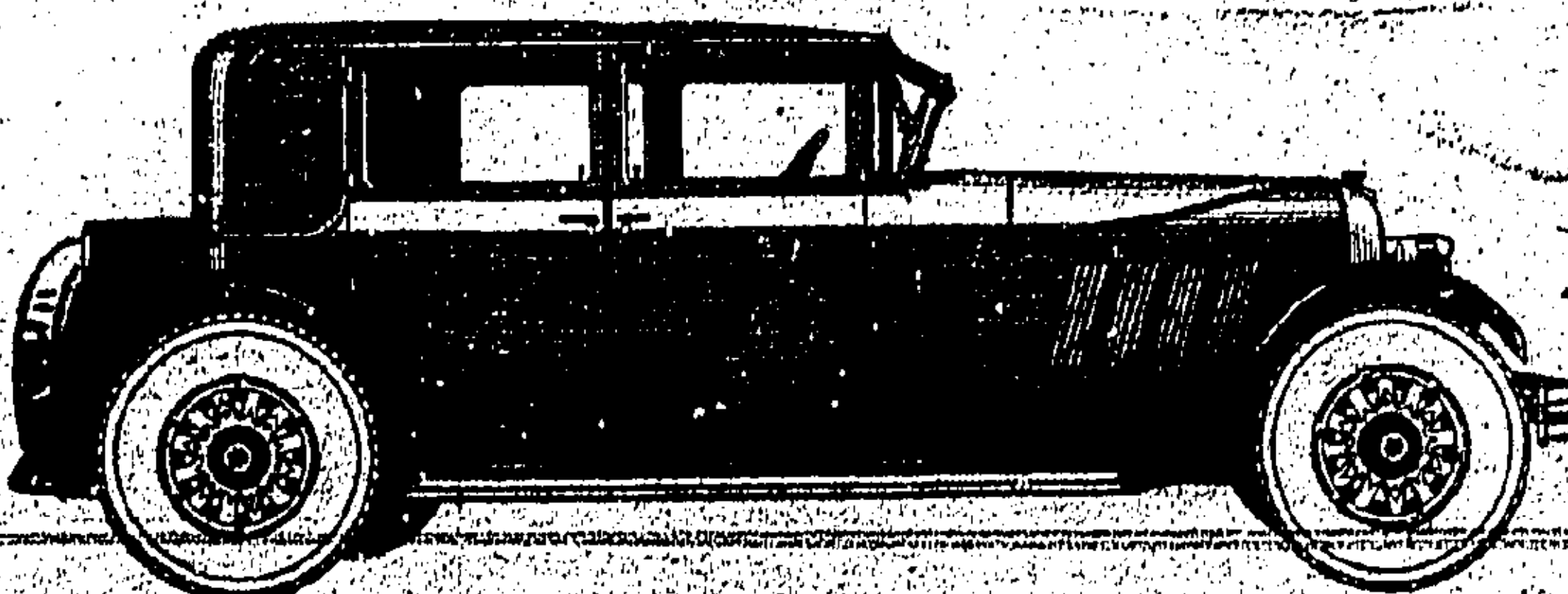
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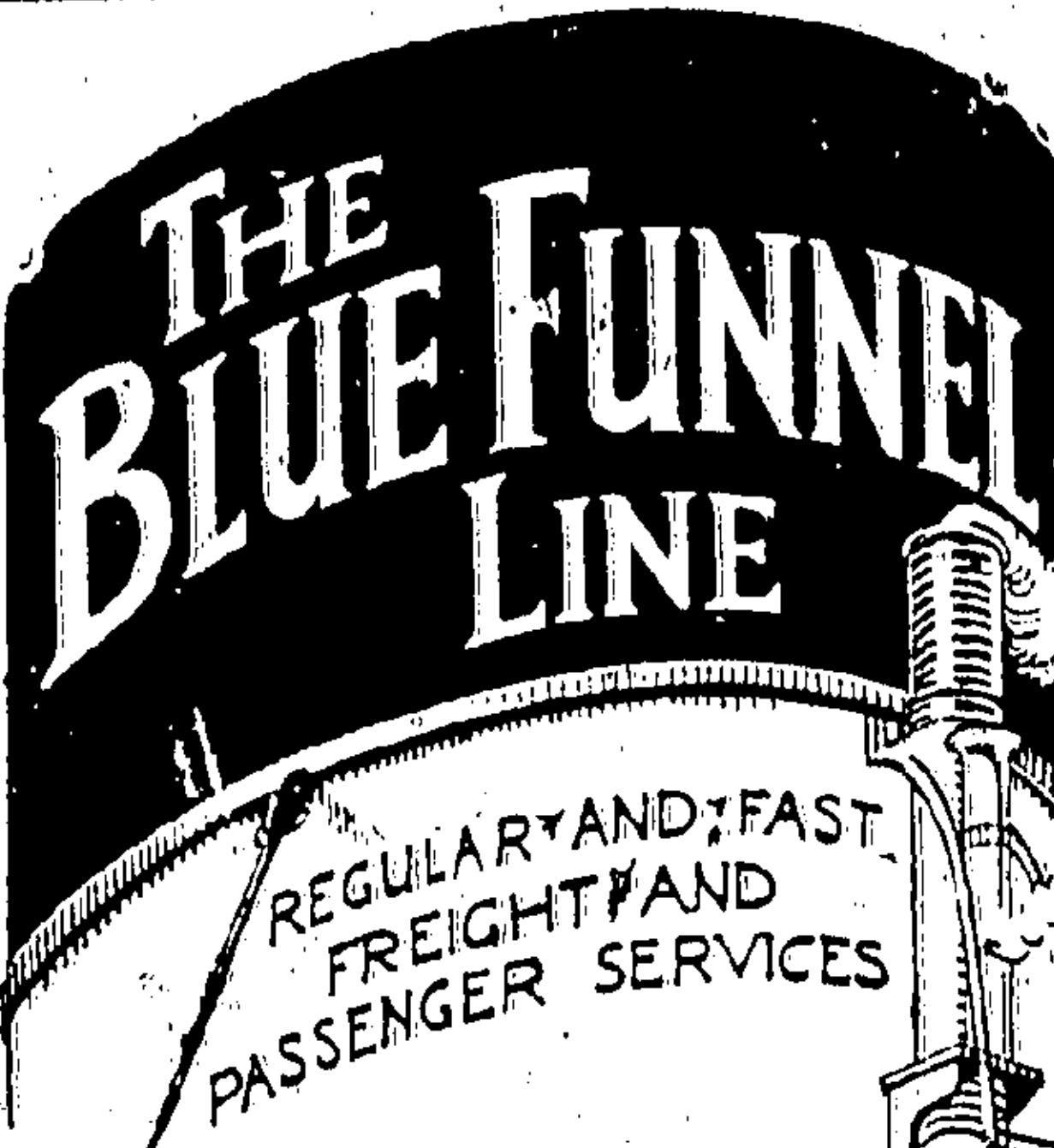
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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1926.

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"HETTER" 3rd Mar. Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg.

LIVERPOOL SERVICE.

"BREMEN" 18th Jan. Genoa, Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow.
"LAMBTON" 22nd Feb. Genoa, Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow.
"ANTILLO" 26th Feb. Genoa, Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow.
"HETTER" 3rd Mar. Genoa, Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow.

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"KOBAYASHI" 18th Jan. Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle.
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"RADIO TELEGRAPH CODE ADDRESSES FOR THE YEAR 1926" should be registered at the Radio Telegraph Office 3rd Floor, Government Building without delay. Forms may be obtained on application.

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INWARD MAILS.

FROM SATURDAY, JANUARY 16. P.M.
Japan and Shanghai Katori Maru
Europe via Nippon Yusen Katori Maru
Doo, 1915 Katori Maru
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai Empress of Australia
Bangkok Kwangtung
Shanghai Suiyung
MONDAY, JANUARY 18.
Amoy Takada
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai Pros. Folk
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai Pros. Madison
Japan Aki Maru
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai Pros. Cleveland
MONDAY, JANUARY 21.
Straits Suwa Maru
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27.
Australia and Manila Changte
FRIDAY, JANUARY 29.
Japan Aki Maru

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR SATURDAY, JANUARY 16. P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—via Marseilles 14th Feb. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m. Katori Maru
Amoy 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central & South America & EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C.—via Victoria B.C. & Europe via Sibora (Letters & Post cards specially superimposed "via Sibora" only). Parcel Noon. Registration 2.4 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m. Pros. Grant
Fort Bayard 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai 2 p.m.
Hiphong 2 p.m.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 17.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa 2 a.m.
Java via Batavia 2 a.m.
MONDAY, JANUARY 18.
Amoy 2 p.m.
Manila 2 p.m.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19.
Swatow and Amoy Noon
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NOTICES.

CHINA COAST OFFICERS' GUILD and MARINE ENGINEERS' GUILD OF CHINA.

A COMBINED MEETING of the members of these Guilds will be held at the Guilds' Offices, Sailors' Home, West Point, on SUNDAY, 17th JANUARY, 1926, at 10 o'clock a.m.

BUSINESS IMPORTANT.
T. T. LAURENSEN,
Asst. Secretary, C.C.O.G.
W. J. STOKES,
Branch Secretary, M.E.G.C.
Hongkong, January 15, 1926.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 25th January, 1926, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1925.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED on WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, 1926, to THURSDAY, the 25th January, 1926, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
F. H. CRANFILL,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, January 16, 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ENTRIES for the Forthcoming Races close on SATURDAY, January 23, 1926, at 3 p.m. and must be sent to the Secretary, c/o Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before this date. Entry Forms are now ready and can be had at the Jockey Club Stables, Race Course, Hongkong Club or Linstead & Davis. Hongkong, January 5, 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Third Day, 7th Race, 3rd March, 1926.

THE UNITED SERVICES CUP.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the conditions for this Race have been altered and should read as under:—

CONDITIONS.—A Cup will be presented to the Winner with \$400 added. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies "the bona fide" property of and to be ridden by Officers of "H.M." Regular Forces. "Polo Ponies" leased by Officers will, for the purpose of this Race, be considered as the "bona fide" property of such Officers. Catch weights at 160 lbs. Entrance \$5. One Round (about 7 Furlongs 55 yards). Hongkong, January 8, 1926.

NOTICES.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company, will be held at the Offices, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, 27th January, 1926, at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1925.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company, will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 15th January to WEDNESDAY, 27th January, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 7, 1926.

COKE.

TENDERS are invited for the purchase of 500 Tons of Gas Coke, half ex West Point Works and half ex Kowloon Works.

Tenders should be submitted on or before 20th January 1926 addressed to the Manager. The Company do not bind themselves to accept the highest or any tender.

HONGKONG & CHINA GAS CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1926.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON Monday, the 18th January, 1926, commencing at 11 a.m.

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THE Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs. Kwong Wing Hing to sell by Public Auction

ON Monday, the 18th January, 1926 commencing at 11 a.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell St. (For account of the concerned).

200 Bags No. 24 Java White Sugar—1925 July Shipment from Java

50 Bags No. 24 Java White Sugar—1925 August Shipment from Java

800 Bags No. 24 Java White Sugar—1925 September Shipment from Java

3400 Bags No. 24 Java White Sugar—1925 October Shipment from Java

9300 Bags No. 24 Java White Sugar—1925 November Shipment from Java

(All the above goods are now stored in Godown No. 18, The China Provident, Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., West Point)

(Should intending buyers wish to purchase smaller lots than stated above, it will be necessary for them to inform the Auctioneers before the Sale)

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ON Thursday, the 21st January, 1926 commencing at 2.45 p.m.

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